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FIRST SYRIAN REFUGEES RESETTLED IN IN VALE BY THE COUNCIL

'WE WILL BE OFFERING THEM SUPPORT AND ACCOMMODATION'

THE Vale Council has begun resettling Syrian refugees in the area.

It said it would be offering homes and support to "a small number of families" and that the first ones had arrived early this summer.

Last September, the council announced that as part of a collaborative regional approach, it planned to participate in the 'Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme' and the Home

by GEM REPORTER

Office scheme associated with the resettlement of people from Afghanistan.

This week, Miles Punter, the director of environment and housing, told The GEM: "The Vale Council made a commitment in 2015 to be part of the UK Government's scheme to resettle Syrian refugees."

"We have been working closely since then with a number of key partners, including

the Home Office, the City of Cardiff Council, Cardiff and the Vale University Health Board, and South Wales Police, and have now begun our work to resettle and integrate refugee families into the Vale.

"We will be offering accommodation and support to a small number of families. The first were settled in the Vale earlier this summer."

"Funding for councils participating in the programme is provided by central government to cover fully the cost of support and integration, including social care, education and health."

"These families have been forced to flee their homes to escape the horror and violence of civil war and seek refuge in Wales."

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PENARTH 'NURTURING SUN' IS CELEBRATED BY PLAID CYMRU



ABOVE: Included in the photograph are Lewys Greenaway, Catrin Dafydd, Alwyn Evans, Gwyn Pritchard and Ann Greagsby.

A LOCAL Penarth champion has been celebrated at a party held in his honour.

Local members of Plaid Cymru, the Party of Wales, gathered together for a special event to say "diolch" to one of their hardest-working and best-loved members, Alwyn Evans.

"He was like four active members rolled into one," said Penarth branch chair, Adrian Roper, pointing out Alwyn's work over many years as a champion of local residents, particularly in his home patch in St Augustine's ward, as

well as treasurer, membership secretary and communications officer for the party.

As a token of its appreciation, the branch asked prize-winning author, Catrin Dafydd, to describe Alwyn's

character in a framed poem.

Catrin, like so many others, had been helped by Alwyn over the years, and her central image of him, as a 'nurturing sun', was perfectly apt.

Local authority praised by the auditor general

The Auditor General for Wales, Huw Vaughan Thomas, has praised the work of the Vale Council, and he encouraged the authority "to continue this high standard as they deliver their proposed changes to key services".

Vale Leader, Coun Neil Moore, said it demonstrated that the council was performing better than ever despite an increase in pressure on budgets.

For the full story, turn to page 5.

Knap lake turns 'Olympic green'!

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HIRE ASSOCIATION MEMBER

'Waste letters from council did cause some confusion'

IWOULD not normally get into a debate via the press; however, I do feel that the points made by David Kennett of Barry, in the GEM letters page, need to be seriously questioned.

Firstly, he says it is not my job with waste collections – but he has to remember that this is a council service and it is, therefore my job, to hold the council to account on service delivery.

The bin collection staff do a fantastic job in very difficult circumstances and cannot be blamed for the recent confusion and shambles. The reason for the changes is to save money as part of the Labour-led Vale council's cost-cutting programme, but how much did this all cost to rectify?

Letters were sent out which were very confusing in content, and not very clear – hence the confusion – and this is something the waste department must

improve on. Sadly, it would appear that not everyone did get a letter, so hence the further confusion.

There was rubbish left out in my ward for around a week due to this shambles and the number of calls that I received about this very issue was huge.

I would also refer Mr Kennett to his own admission in his letter that 50 per cent had left their rubbish out on his own estate at Cwm Talwg, which surely has answered his own question?

While accepting that some had got it right, it would appear that many more had got the wrong message, and that the letter had caused real confusion. The answer is simple enough: make the letter easier to read and perhaps put adverts in the press!

But to attack me as an elected member for trying to hold the council to account, while receiving many complaints from my local residents, is surely wrong?

Coun Richard Bertin, (Independent), Vale of Glamorgan Council.

'Tell us about your social care needs'

IN the face of deep cuts to social care funding, many disabled and older people are being denied the care and support they need to live independently and with dignity.

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Brexit: why rush to get a fair deal?

MIGHT I ask whoever it was (name withheld) who wrote the letter in The GEM last week about getting on with Brexit, whether they would be content for the current Government to make all the arrangements for exiting the EU in respect of trade, farming, foreign affairs, science, immigration, social and employment policy, environmental matters, fishing, Northern Ireland, criminal justice, funding for Wales and Cornwall, the arts, pharmaceuticals, etc?

Or whether they would prefer to see the finished deal before it was implemented, so that they could take a decision – via an election or in a referendum – as to whether the new deal actually was better than the old?

We may have voted to jump out of the frying pan, but we don't want to land in the fire – at least without having a chance to see what the fire looks like and knowing what it will cost.

The Government can't start the negotiating process until it has some idea of what it wants to achieve. Rushing matters is the way to guarantee

a bad deal. There is not one Brexit, but a thousand possible Brexits. To suggest that all we need is confidence for all to be well, is exactly what they used to say in the past to those who strapped wings to their arms and jumped off very tall buildings.

And, by the way, as a result of the pound's fall in value following the Referendum, Britain now only has the sixth largest economy in the world.

Peter Sain ley Berry, Cowbridge.

BREXIT SECRET

MY response to the anonymous letter in last week's GEM (August 25) is that I admire his positive view that he knows exactly what the terms of Brexit are.

Perhaps he could let the rest of us into the secret?

David Kennett, Barry.

COMMUTER RAISES QUESTIONS FOR ARRIVA TRAINS WALES

ARE Arriva Trains Wales just trying to make more money, or is it a case of they just don't care?

I wonder if regular travellers from Cardiff to Barry have noticed both a decline in punctuality, with trains often running 20-30 minutes late, and the awful state of the seats and carriages we have to use?

With their franchise due to expire in 2018, have they have already accepted defeat and are just trying to squeeze every last drop of revenue out of us long-suffering passengers before losing the contract? Arriva receives more than £180 million a year from the Welsh Government, which is the highest subsidy per passenger mile of any rail franchise in the UK.

In 2014, the company made a profit of £28.6 million, up 30 per cent on the previous year – all going to its German-owned parent, Deutsche Bahn.

With that sort of business model, you would think they would be doing whatever they can to retain the franchise, yet they seem to be doing the exact opposite.

Most train users in Wales will be aware of the age and poor condition of the rolling stock. To put that in perspective, since 1994/95 there has been a more than 60 per cent increase in passengers, yet only a 3 per cent increase in new carriages, which

incidentally, they don't buy, but lease.

In the last four weeks, two trains I have waited for failed to appear, one in the morning from Barry Dock to Cardiff Central, causing me to miss a bus connection to Bristol airport, and one in the evening for the reverse journey. On a journey from Cardiff, I had the misfortune to inadvertently take a seat which had a large sticky patch of chewing gum on it, that promptly transferred to my trousers.

On closer inspection of the carriage, and apart from the regular discarded tickets and other litter, it was obvious that it had not had a proper clean for ages, with layers of greasy muck along the lower part of the side walls under the seats and, particularly, by the doors.

This is just not acceptable; as fare-paying passengers, we have a right to expect a reasonable standard of cleanliness, and not to have to put on protective clothing before we travel.

I believe, that apart from end of service night time cleaning at Canton, Arriva also has teams of day time cleaners to keep on top of the job, but I have never seen any on a Barry train.

Whoever is responsible for cleaning these trains is clearly not up to the job and needs to get out of the office and see what Barry travellers are having to put up with.

Ian Blackhouse, Barry

An Arriva Trains Wales spokesperson stated: "We apologise for the inconvenience caused to our customer on these occasions."

"Arriva Trains Wales recognises that performance is the biggest driver of customer satisfaction and it is, therefore, one of our highest areas for priority."

"There are many factors that affect the on-time running of a train, from infrastructure problems to trespassing, from train faults to increased loading times on our popular services. The latter can be a particular issue during the summer on our Barry Island services."

"We use performance data on a day-to-day basis to identify problem areas and we work closely with colleagues and industry partners, such as Network Rail and the British Transport Police, to resolve any identified issues, in order to minimise disruption."

"Our trains have been allocated to us as part of the franchise and despite it being an ageing fleet, we have dedicated fleet engineering and cleaning teams who work hard day and night to keep our trains well maintained. However, we would like to remind customers to dispose of any rubbish in the bins provided."

• What do other readers feel about our rail service? Email us at: gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

'Please be patient towards cyclists out on the road'

WITH reference to Mr Walton's letter to The GEM (August 18) not only did he feel the need to be negative about our nation's success in the Olympics, but also seems to have a personal vendetta against cyclists.

Why feel the need to chastise what cyclists wear? Why assume that they have too much time on their hands? Using terms such as "swarms" is insulting, and to suggest that cyclists are in "epidemic" proportions on the Vale's roads is inferring that they are some sort of disease.

The views on cycling are ill-conceived and petulant. Cyclists out on

the roads around the Vale support many local businesses and also raise money for good causes. The Carten100 annual ride from Cardiff to Tenby last year raised nearly £100,000 for Noah's Ark Hospital, and £135,000 the previous year for Velindre Cancer Trust.

In terms of road safety, in 2004, there were 1,655 accidents on roads in Wales. In 2014, the number was 1,263. (Source – gov.wales statistics). This, despite there being "epidemic proportions" of cyclists on the road?

Don't be angry. Be tolerant. We're all different. Next time you see a cyclist on the roads in the Vale, please be patient.

Paul Owen, Cowbridge.

Life in the slow lane

IN response to Ian Walton of Rhose (The GEM, August 18), you've convinced me to pack in cycling and buy a caravan with which to explore the roads of the Vale.

Not as speedy as I was in my youth, I hope you'll be patient as I slow down to let cyclists and equestrians overtake.

As general taxpayers, cyclists' taxes fund highway maintenance, as much as the taxes paid by motorists.

Modern life is too fast; I hope others will join me.

Keith Picard, Pontyclun.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 8)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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	AM	M	PM	M
01 Thur	07.17	9.6	19.37	9.9
02 Fri	07.55	9.7	20.12	9.9
03 Sat	08.29	9.9	20.46	9.9
04 Sun	09.02	9.8	21.15	9.7
05 Mon	09.34	9.6	21.48	9.4
06 Tues	10.04	9.3	22.16	9.2
07 Wed	10.33	8.9	22.49	8.8
08 Thur	11.07	8.5	23.23	8.2

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Politicians in spat over the age-old problem of litter

Alun Cairns MP, Andrew RT Davies AM and Craig O'Shea are keen for more bins and signs on the Island to encourage responsible disposal of litter.



THE issue of excessive litter on Barry Island has led to a verbal skirmish between a Labour council cabinet member, on one side, and a Conservative MP and Assembly Member on the other – even though both parties agree

that more can be done to persuade the public to dispose of rubbish responsibly.

The dreadful state of litter on the Island was

highlighted by images in the press and social media last month.

Alun Cairns MP and regional AM Andrew RT Davies, recently joined a local trader to issue a plea for more signs and bins to reduce the amount of littering.

They also said it was unhelpful that Vale cabinet member, Coun Lis Burnett, had taken a swipe at Island traders in a tweet.

Coun Burnett told The GEM she was astounded that a "tongue-in-cheek, tweet from six weeks ago should be used by the local MP and AM as the basis of a story".

She told The GEM: "The council, local traders, and visitors, all have a responsibility to ensure Barry Island is kept clean."

"I raised the issue at a meeting with traders over a year ago and while some people were quick to allocate blame over recent litter problems, I took a more constructive route by trying to kick-start a discussion about how we can work better together to address the problem."

"I am happy to report that my comment on July 20 – 'Should we stop selling take-aways until people stop littering #justsaying' – did result in a productive conversation and partnership with local traders. 'Barry Island Beach Heroes' can now be regularly seen clearing up the beach."

"I'm not sure where Alun Cairns and Andrew RT Davies have been over the past six weeks since my tweet, but the Vale Council has again staged a hugely-successful programme of 'Barry Island Weekenders' event, starting with the award-winning Isle of Fire, and ending with the popular open air cinema."

"Visitor numbers are up and the resort is regularly packed with happy visitors and local residents."

"We are working hard to deliver our vision of Barry Island as Wales' premier coastal resort; it might be helpful if Mr Cairns and Mr Davies contributed something

positive for a change."

Alun Cairns and Andrew RT Davies met local trader Craig O'Shea and issued a joint call for more bins and signs to keep the promenade and beach free from litter.

Andrew RT Davies said: "The glorious sight of a packed beach on a hot summer's day is exactly the sort of thing we want to see on Barry Island."

"The economic potential of the area is huge, but that won't be helped by the disgusting scenes of rubbish spread across the beach."

"We all need to work together to make sure this doesn't happen again. We need to help people keep the Island clean, and so more bins and signs will be a big help."

"Craig and his fellow traders are obviously keen to play a part in that."

"After voluntarily giving up his alcohol licence a few years ago to stop anti-social behaviour, it is clear he wants what's best for the Island."

"We don't need a cabinet member making irresponsible snipes – instead, we want a constructive solution."

Mr Cairns said: "Barry Island's status as south Wales' number one tourist destination means that there will always be a lot for the council to do in terms of keeping the beaches clean and tidy."

"Usually, they do a good job of this when the beaches have emptied of visitors, but concerns remain about the amount of litter allowed to build up during busy days."

"I welcome the new practice of telling people to pick up their litter over the tannoy system, and would like to see this approach coupled with more 'beach bins' along Whitmore Bay."

"Crucially, the local authority must work with the Island's traders, instead of allowing one of its more controversial cabinet members to make bizarre, unprovoked social media threats to chip shop owners," he added.

THE RETREAT SPREADS 'A LITTLE JOY' OVER BARRY



LEFT: Talita Bamon was the winner of the first 'Random Act of Kindness' £50 gift voucher.

A Barry company has decided to spread 'a bit of joy' around the town with a Random Act of Kindness competition.

Kimberley Hobbs, of The Retreat, a holistic and beauty salon located at 30 High Street, explained: "I believe that showing a bit of love and kindness will make someone's day that little bit better so we started the Random Act of Kindness Competition to spread a bit of joy around Barry."

"I placed our first purple balloon, with a £50 voucher, in a random place in Barry for someone to find, and will be doing this regularly with random amounts

and prizes to cheer up someone's day."

The prizes include treatments and products at the salon to help with de-stress and relaxation.

Kimberley added: "They're exactly what most people need in this fast-paced world. The lucky winner needs to take a selfie with the balloon at the exact place they find it and post it on The Retreats Facebook page. So keep an eye out for those purple balloons in Barry."

The winner of the £50 gift voucher was Talita Bamon (above, left) who found it on Marine Drive.

www.TheRetreatBarry.co.uk or the Facebook with random amounts

Aviation talk on Westland Wasp

THIS Friday (September 2), the Penarth Aviation Society will hear a talk on the Westland Wasp helicopter, by member Ed Oliver.

Ed served in the Fleet Air Arm for some 28 years and is well qualified to talk about this helicopter.

The Wasp was a small British-built helicopter, dating from the early 1960s. It was designed as a shipboard anti-submarine helicopter, in which role it served for some two decades.

Wasp was used in the Falklands conflict in the early 1980s where they were involved in the disabling of an Argentine submarine.

From the late 1970s the Wasp was slowly phased out in favour of the more capable Lynx helicopter. The final Wasp was withdrawn from Royal Navy service in 1988, although other navies continued to use them until 2000, when the last operational Wasp was retired by the Royal Malaysian Navy.

The meeting will be held in the Penarth Conservative Club at 7:45pm and visitors are welcome to attend, for a small donation.

Further information about the society may be found on the website: www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk or Facebook page: (www.facebook.com/penarthaviationsociety.co.uk)



ABOVE: Rubbish left by visitors to Barry Island one day in July.

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With Music (and friendship) in Mind!

FOLLOWING a successful year in Cowbridge, and praise from local MPs and AMs including the First Minister Carwyn Jones, AM for Bridgend, With Music In Mind is starting a new group in Barry.

The singing and social group for people aged 50+ will run every Tuesday at Golau Caredig, Broad Street, Barry from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Groups cost £4 per session, including refreshments, but the first session is free.

The sessions consist of an hour of group singing, led by a musical director, followed by refreshments and a social activity – for example, talks from outside speakers, short

musical performances, quizzes, holistic hand massage or simply a chance to catch up and chat.

Research suggests that group singing and socialising may have many benefits, including reduced stress, improved memory and general wellbeing, and the formation of new friendships and bonds.

Members of the Cowbridge group say they have found that they leave the group feeling uplifted and energised, with a sense of wellbeing still with them. Several have also reported benefits to their lung health, posture and confidence.

The first Barry group is on Tuesday, September 13 and all are welcome, no matter their singing ability.

See advertisement below.



ABOVE: Phalisha Valji, Emily Skinner, Catrin Davies, Michael Conway, Robert Brown and Annie Higgins.



Sophie Chapman, Megan Jenkins, Caitlin Duggan and Ffion Blunsdon.

IT was a very busy and successful morning as year-11 pupils from Stanwell School collected their GCSE results.

A school spokesperson said: "All members of year-11 should be congratulated for working with diligence and commitment in the lead up to their examination period, and Stanwell School is certainly very proud of their achievements."

"The percentage of GCSE A* grades this year was 11 per cent and overall more than 1,160 entries were graded A* or A, this equates to 31 per cent of all entries. The vast majority, 280 pupils, (94 per cent) achieved five or more Level 2 (A* – C) passes. Furthermore, 71 per cent of the year group attained 10 or more Level 2 passes with 50 pupils achieving 10 A* grades or better."

The following 13 pupils were awarded 10 A* grades or more: Annie Higgins (12 A* grades and two A grades); Catrin Jones (12 A* grades and two A grades); Seren Mirza-Davies (12 A* grades and two A grades); Henry Waddon (12 A* grades and two A

grades); Lauren Ellis (11 A* grades and three A grades); Robert Brown (11 A* grades, two A grade and one B grade); Ffion Blunsdon (10 A* grades and five A grades); Alexander Whitfield (10 A* grades, four A grades and one B grade); Dan Anderton (10 A* grades and four A grades); Isabelle Hodgson (10 A* grades and four A grades); Max Paley (10 A* grades and four A grades); Phalisha Valji (10 A* grades and four A grades); Caitlin Duggan (10 A* grades and three A grades).

The spokesperson continued: "The success of pupils was widespread across the curriculum, with the A* to C grades exceeding 80 per cent of the entry. Particularly pleased with the students' achievements were the mathematics, history and religious studies departments with 82, 40 and 40 A* grades respectively."

"Equally impressive were the achievements of pupils who studied vocational qualifications in partnership with Cardiff and the Vale College and the Military Preparation School." Assistant head-teacher, Rebecca Connor, was especially pleased to see such

large numbers of pupils achieving the required grades to return to Stanwell to follow their chosen subjects in the sixth form and commented that: "It is a delight to see the hard work of the pupils and support given by parents and staff being rewarded with so many students achieving their potential and obtaining high grades."

Mixologist Steve serves up a winning tequila tipples!



Steve Young, the regional winner.

FOLLOWING a fierce competition between some of the best bartenders from Wales and the south of England, Steve Young from Pier64 in Penarth (near Cardiff) was crowned winner of the southern regional final at this year's Patrón Perfectionist's cocktail competition.

From hundreds who entered this year's cocktail competition, only a handful were selected to go through to one of the five regional finals, where they were challenged to invent and present a Patrón Tequila cocktail worthy of a perfectionist.

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the same passion and care into crafting their cocktails as Patrón does when creating its ultra-premium tequilas.

Steve Young impressed judges with his Damas de Embalaje ('Ladies Packing') cocktail. He will head to London on November 16 for the UK final, where he will compete with the four other finalists from the Northern, Scottish, Northern Irish and East and West London finals at The Lucky Pig in London.

The winner will receive a luxury trip to the Hacienda Patrón – Patrón Tequila's distillery in the highlands of Jalisco, Mexico. The winning cocktail will also feature as a limited-edition special serve at the winner's bar.

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WITH MUSIC IN MIND AT GOLAU CAREDIG

New group starts Tuesday 13th
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Following the success of the Cowbridge group, With Music In Mind is starting a new singing and social group for people aged 50 and over in Barry at Golau Caredig, Broad Street Barry, every Tuesday at 10.30am. Turn up and pay £4 per session, but your first session is free. Sessions involve an hour of group singing followed by an hour of a social activity.

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Pride in Barry's Rhian sees bright future for the town



Rhian Lees, the new chairman of Pride in Barry.

by GEM REPORTER

THE new chairman of 'Pride in Barry' Rhian Lees is passionate about the town and already making plans for meetings with organisations that can make a positive contribution.

Rhian (36) a chartered town planner, recently succeeded Paul Haley.

She told The GEM that while some people felt there were things that were wrong about the town, a much larger section of the population were positive.

Rhian, who attended Romilly Infants and Junior School and Bryn Hafren Comprehensive, said: "Barry and Barry Island is in my blood. My family moved to Barry and set up a guest house in the 1970s, and my dad used to run a local bouncy castle and trampoline business."

She emphasised: "We have a wonderful coastline, great open spaces like Porthkerry Park, Victoria Park and Pencoeetre Park with its splashpad – all close to a major city.

"Our community spirit is alive and well. If there is ever a fundraising event people will always come out to help."

Rhian is conscious that 'out of town' retail sites present a challenge to the town's local

shopping areas.

"Out of town places and the internet has had an impact on town centres. People like to get products as cheaply as they can. But if people did give nearby shops a chance, and spent a few extra pounds every week, a beneficial multiplier effect would kick in locally.

"If we don't use local businesses or facilities, we will lose them. Mack Events has shown there's a great entrepreneurial spirit in the town."

Rhian recently canvassed people at the GlastonBARRY event to find out what they loved about Barry and what they hated.

"They loved the coast and parks, but hated the litter."

She has arranged a meeting with the Keep Wales Tidy group with a view to starting a Barry group.

On September 29, Pride in Barry is holding a meeting open to the public at which regeneration expert Andrew Dakin will give a talk (the venue will be publicised in The GEM shortly).

Rhian added: "If people would like to get involved with Pride in Barry, they can 'like' the Facebook page www.facebook.com/PrideinBarry, follow us on Twitter @PrideinBarry, or email me at chairman@PrideinBarry.co.uk."

Independents' ward choice
COURT First Independents have named a woman candidate, Andy Griffiths, to contest Court ward, Barry, in the Vale Council elections next May.

She will join Richard Bertin, who has represented the ward since 1999.

The ward takes in the Barry areas of Bassett, Witchell and Treharne and has high levels of deprivation.

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Auditor General praises Vale Council and the high standards it has set

In an overwhelmingly positive corporate assessment report the Wales Audit Office has praised the Vale Council, its vision for the future, and commitment to improvement.

Coun Neil Moore, Leader of the Vale Council, has welcomed the report, saying: "The corporate assessment is designed to answer one key question – whether as a local authority we are capable of delivering the priorities we have set ourselves and improved outcomes for Vale citizens. In this respect the report is glowing.

"The report is further evidence that, despite increasing pressures on our budgets and

demands on our services, the Vale Council is performing better than ever.

"This is a testament to the way in which the political leadership of the council, senior management, and staff work together, and with local partners, to deliver services of the highest quality.

"I am delighted that the council is receiving such public recognition of its successful work to make the Vale of Glamorgan a better place to live, work, and visit."

The WAO report concludes that: "The council has a clear vision of what it wishes to achieve and is making positive changes which should ensure it is well placed to continue securing improvement."

The WAO also found that the

council's vision reflects both local needs and national priorities and that senior politicians and managers are working effectively with staff at all levels to improve services and plan for the future.

The Auditor General for Wales, Huw Vaughan Thomas said: "I am delighted to present the Vale of Glamorgan Corporate Assessment for 2015-16. It is very positive to see a local authority receive such a good report and see that they have committed to looking at developing key services, such as ICT, to deliver more efficient services.

"I encourage the authority to continue this high standard as they deliver their proposed changes to key services."



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Rhose Community Cinema launches this September

LAUNCH dates for Rhose Community Cinema have been announced – and they are Saturday and Sunday September 17 and 18.

A group of local women decided recently that it would be an excellent way of bringing the community together.

The Vale Council is supplying a screen and shows will take place at the community centre Stewart Road.

Jo Wain told The GEM: "Saturday night's screening, in trying to

maintain the feel-good factor of Team GB's Olympic success, is Eddie the Eagle (PG). All tickets are £5 and it is suitable for all the family.

"On Sunday Zootropolis (PG) is suitable for the little kids and big kids alike. All tickets are £2.50."

If people want tickets they can contact Jo on 07986 907151.

Jo added: "All profits from the weekend are being donated to 'Price on a Life' campaign, helping a local boy obtain the necessary medicines that the WAG is unwilling to fund."

PACT meetings

CADOC – meet your local officers at Waitrose, Palmerton Road, Barry, today, Thursday, September 1 between 11am and 1pm.

DYFAN PACT at Buttrills Community Centre, North Walk, Barry, on Sunday, September 4 at 7pm.

RHOOSE coffee and chat at the Blue Anchor, East Aberthaw, on Tuesday, August 30 at 11am.

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Rugby-playing Barry (72), second on left, with fellow Romilly Old Boys. Images by Karen Mortimer-Brown.

ON August 23 a mini-reunion place over a week, at a variety of took place at The Sir Samuel venues in the city. Romilly Wetherspoons, Barry. The old boys came and went throughout the afternoon to greet him; a group picture was taken, and will be a memento for Barry to take back home to Australia. Barry Hickman is 72 years of age and still playing rugby for the Crippled Crows. He was over here about after he found the Romilly Old tournament in Cardiff, which took Boys on Facebook. SMB.



Barry (left) even brought the lads some 'Barry' red wine.

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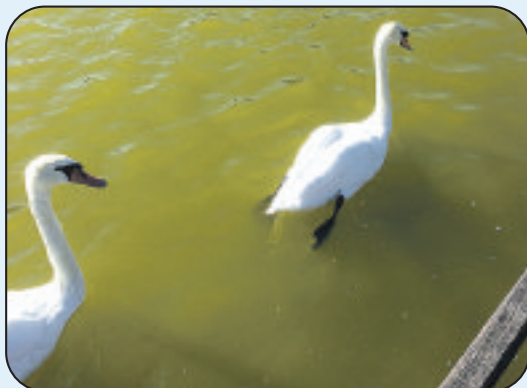
JACK HITCHINGS.

POLICE in Barry are appealing for information to locate a local man, Jack Hitchings.

The 23 year-old man from Dinas Powys is wanted in connection with an assault - he has also breached bail conditions.

Anybody who has seen him is urged to contact South Wales Police via 101 quoting reference *327633, or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Local lake's Olympic green tinge intrigues visitors to the Knap



PASSERS-BY over the weekend at Barry's famous Knap Lake wondered whether the Vale Council had organised a tribute to our Olympic heroes with its green tinge (the pools at Rio 2016 suddenly changed from blue to green).

In fact, there is a more natural explanation to the phenomenon... A Vale Council spokesman explained: "We were delighted to see Team GB pick up three diving medals in Rio. This isn't, however, a tribute to their success. "The reality is a little more mundane. The recent dry spell has reduced the water flow at the Knap which, combined with the hot weather, has increased the amount of algae in the lake. "We are monitoring the situation and will take action if required in the future."

An impromptu stroll through the Beacons

MEMBERS of Penarth and District Ramblers had an impromptu walk in the central Brecon Beacons when Barrie led a nine-mile mid-week walk, beginning from Pont ar Daf – where much of a large conifer plantation has been hacked down by the National Trust to prevent the spread of larch disease.

A long haul up the mountainside over paths that have been repaired to prevent erosion from the quarter of a million feet that make the journey to Pen y Fan, led up to Bwlch y Duwynt

or Windy Pass.

Making their way across to Pen y Fan, the highest mountain in south Wales, and enjoying the stunning views before climbing onto Corn Du, a steep descent led onto the ridgeway of Cefn Cwm Llwh which overlooks Llyn Cwm Llwh.

Continuing on to an obelisk dedicated to the memory of young Tommy Jones, who in 1900, lost his life after climbing 1,300 feet in the dark on the hillside above his farm, the path led them downhill over Pen Milan.

Heading down through woodland and

joining the old coach and drover's road, they made their return past the Storey Arms once an old coaching inn. **ANOTHER** mid-week jaunt, this time a 16-mile trek in the eastern Black Mountains and hosted by William began below Ysgyryd Fawr or the Holy Mountain.

Making their way over the Newport to Hereford and Marches railway line, a steady climb led onto the hillside of Deri.

Trekking onwards towards the mist-topped Sugar Loaf Mountain, upon their arrival at the summit, they were afforded lovely views before a steep descent to Fro.

A farm track led on towards more ferns and another climb onto the ridge of Bryn Arw, where they were rewarded with a stop for lunch and brilliant views towards the Honddu Valley, Cwmyoy and Hatterall Hill.

Another steep descent into Cwm Brynawr led on to open fields and on to the northern end of Ysgyryd Fawr, where the distinctive jagged split in the western side of the mountain, and a weary return to the start – after climbing 4,500 feet in total.

On September 3, meet at 8.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10-mile moderate/hard walk along part of the Epynt Way; contact Phil on 01446 711533.

To follow the group, log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. JS

OPEN SHUTTERS

FOLLOWING a full summer season of photographic visits to various locations across the locality, as well as informal club nights, Barry Camera Club's winter season starts on Friday, September 2, with an informal evening to welcome new members and discuss the programme for the season.

Throughout the remainder of 2016 and into 2017, we have a full programme of talks, demonstrations, photographic expeditions, competitions and inter-club battles planned.

New members are particularly encouraged and will be made most welcome, with advice and encouragement available and a programme being prepared especially for

the new and less experienced photographers to allow them to quickly gain more proficiency and satisfaction from their hobby.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7pm to 9.30pm at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX.

We are a very friendly organisation and new members of all experience and skill levels are always welcome to attend with no obligation to join.

Alternatively, for more information, visit our website: www.barrycameraclub.co.uk and if you are a social media user, view our Facebook and Flickr pages. RB

New record for GCSE results at Barry Comprehensive School



James Hamer and Jason Grice both secured 12 A* or A grades.



Joshua Evans, gained 13 GCSEs at A* or A, including A* in Mathematics, Further Mathematics, ICT and Business Studies being congratulated by headteacher Gerard McNamara.



AT Barry Comprehensive, GCSE results set a new record for the second year in a row, and headteacher Gerard McNamara offered his heartfelt congratulations to everyone involved.

He said: "Barry Comprehensive School is delighted to announce that, for the second year running, our GCSE results are the highest in the school's history. 62 per cent of our students achieved at least five A* to C grade GCSEs including English and maths, and 90 per cent of students achieved at least 5 A* to C grades".

He said that of particular note were:

- Joshua Evans, who gained 13 GCSEs at A* or A, including A* in Mathematics, Further Mathematics, ICT and Business Studies;

- James Hamer, who secured 12 A* or A grades, including A* in Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Biology and Geology;

- Chris Neale, with 12 A* or A grades, including A* in Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

- Jason Grice, with 12 A* or A grades including A* in English, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Biology, Physics, Drama and History

- Daniel Brown, with 9 A* or A grades including A* in Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Religious Education.

Mr McNamara continued: "Students, staff and governors have all worked tirelessly this year to continue the huge improvements we made last year.

"A big factor in our success continues to be the constant support of parents, who always insist on high standards for our boys and regular homework being completed to a high standard.

"With this fantastic news we look forward to the year ahead and further improvements to celebrate.

"The vast majority of our students have now secured the grades they need to progress to our sixth form or other choices, which ensures we can all move forward together as a school community."



Christopher Neale, with 12 A* or A grades including A* in Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics; and Daniel Brown, with 9 A* or A grades including A* in Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Religious Education



Joshua Hobbs gained 15 GCSE grades including at seven A* or A.



Jack Ollier achieved an amazing grade A in GCSE music while still in year-8.



Ryan Hodge gained 16 GCSE grades including 7 at A* or A.



Siôn Hamilton gained 12 GCSE grades including 8 at A* or A

Lifesavers who keep Barry beaches safe in line for award



THE Barry-based Rhondda Lifeguard Club has been nominated for a Queen's Award for Voluntary Services, to mark half a century of saving lives on local beaches.

The group, made up of 50 volunteers from the Rhondda Valley, is based on Cold Knap Point, overlooking Watchtower Bay in Barry. It provides lifeguard cover for the surrounding beaches, as well as training in lifeguarding skills for young people.

Vale MP Alan Cairns, who nominated the club for the award, told The GEM: "The local

community is very grateful for the continuous service of the Rhondda Lifeguard Club over the last half-century, with scores of lives saved in the waters surrounding Barry.

"This purely voluntary organisation has done a fantastic job of protecting water-users and doesn't cease in its efforts to engage young people with lifeguarding and staying safe at sea."

Mr Cairns was presented with a book on the history of the lifeguards, the title of which explains why the Rhondda club is based in the Vale of Glamorgan. It is called, No Beaches in The Rhondda!

Refugees resettled

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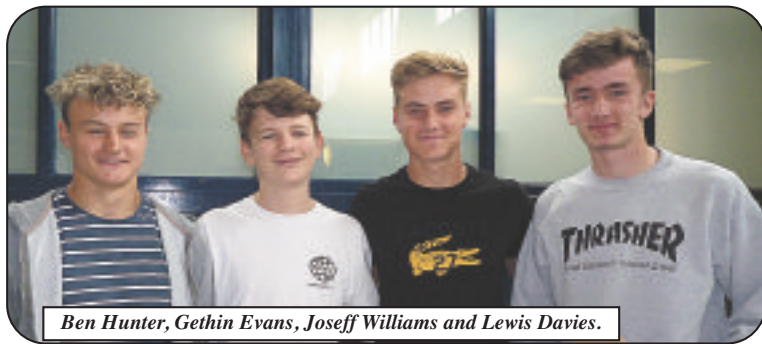
Mr Punter added: "The Vale of Glamorgan has a proud history of welcoming people from across the world, and this is why I am very confident that these families will be warmly and compassionately welcomed by the communities they join, and will have a chance to rebuild their lives in a place of safety."

The refugees are vetted by the Home Office and the Vale Council stressed that their resettlement would not have a detrimental impact on anyone currently awaiting social housing in the Vale.

• The UK Government plans to resettle up to 20,000 Syrian refugees in Britain by 2020.

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HEADTEACHER CONGRATULATES YSGOL BRO MORGANNWG PUPILS



Ben Hunter, Gethin Evans, Joseff Williams and Lewis Davies.



Megan Davies and Catrin Long.



Tirion and Brenneg Davies.

PUPILS and staff were celebrating excellent results at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg.

Headteacher Hywel Price said: "I wish to congratulate all pupils and staff of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg on the exceptional GCSE results."

"Following an excellent set of A-Level results last week, it is with pleasure I announce that 71 per cent of pupils gained the Level 2+ (five GCSEs including Welsh or English and Mathematics), an improvement of 4.1 per cent since 2015."

"Also, 86 per cent of the pupils attained five A* to C in GCSE or equivalent qualifications."

"Most notably, a fantastic 23.25 per cent (21 girls and nine boys) achieved five or more A* / A grades which included Mathematics and English or Welsh and is testimony to the endeavors of the departments. This was an improvement of 2 per cent from the 2015 results."

"We are extremely pleased that every pupil will leave the school this year with a qualification. Pupils of all abilities have succeeded and deserve to celebrate their success."

'GCSE results point to continued improvement' SAYS THE VALE COUNCIL

AS GCSE students around the Vale were checking their results last Thursday, Vale Council education chiefs were pointing to upward trends in a number of areas.

A Vale Council spokesperson said that 25.6 per cent of students sitting WJEC GCSE examinations gained grades of A/A*, up from 24.7 per cent the previous year. The Welsh average was 19.4.

Also, 72.7 per cent of students gained A*-C grades, more than six per cent above the Welsh average of 66.6.

Almost all the pupils sitting this year's WJEC examinations achieved A*-E grades – a figure of 99 per cent being recorded.

The results from all examination boards were also up across the Vale, with 66.6 per cent of students gaining five A*-C grades, up from 64.9 in 2015.

A number of Vale schools secured their best ever results, including St Cyres Comprehensive, which had a

record 70 per cent of students achieving at least five GCSEs at grades A*-C (including English and maths), showing strong progress with an increase of more than 11 per cent compared to 2015.

Barry Comprehensive also had record numbers with over 62 per cent of students being awarded these grades, jumping up 12 per cent from last year.

St Richard Gwyn also saw a substantial increase in achievement, up 10 per cent to 66 per cent.

Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration and education, said: "These results are yet another success story for the Vale's schools."

"We have seen another year of improved results for pupils sitting GCSE examinations, with the pass rate once again above the national average."

"There have also been some real stand-out results at Barry Comprehensive and St Cyres School in Penarth. I would like to congratulate all of the young

The following pupils were among the high performers:

Brenneg Davies – 11 A*, 1A & Distinction in Further Maths; Bronwen Lloyd – 11 A*, 1A & Distinction in Further Maths; Elen Owen – 10A*, 2A & Distinction in Further Maths; Jessica Gulliver – 9A* & 3A; Niclas Want – 8A*, 4A & Distinction in Further Maths; Elin Alexander – 8A*, 2A & 2B; Llinos Jones – 6A*, 5A, 1B & Merit in Further Maths; Nia Paddison Rees – 6A*, 5A, 1B & Distinction in Further Maths; Manon Wiliam – 6A*, 3B & 3B; Megan Davies – 5A*, 7A & Distinction in Further Maths; Hana Evans – 5A* & 6A; Anwen Fardy – 4A*, 8A & Distinction in Further Maths; Beth Humphreys – 4A* & 8A; Hannah Jones – 4A*, 8A & Merit in Further Maths; Joseff Williams – 4A*, 8A & Pass in Further Maths; Megan Rees – 4A* & 8A.

Mr Price added: "We look forward to welcoming them back to the sixth form to commence their A-Level courses. Congratulations to you all!"



Jessica Gulliver (centre).



Elen Owen.

GEM reader and VC ancestor hero



Stewart McPherson's medals, including the Victoria Cross (far left).



Llinos Jones.

GEM reader Knight recently told of how he planned to visit the resting place of his illustrious ancestor in Scotland who won the Victoria Cross.

The website www.victoriacrossonline.co.uk kindly sent The GEM an image of Godfrey's ancestor Stewart McPherson VC and a photograph of his medals.

Godfrey discovered recently that he was the great-great-great grandson of McPherson who was decorated after the Siege of Lucknow, which took place during the Indian Mutiny. McPherson, a colour sergeant, saw action in Persia, India and Ireland. He was awarded the Victoria Cross for "daring gallantry" in the



CSgt Stewart McPherson VC of the 78th Highlanders.

Lucknow Residency on September 26, 1857, having rescued a wounded private of his company while he was under heavy fire.

He died at the age of 70 in 1892, and was buried in the cemetery at Culross Abbey.

RECORD RESULTS FOR GCSES AT ST CYRES

FOLLOWING last week's year-13 A-Level and Welsh Baccalaureate results, year-11 GCSE students at St Cyres School in Penarth have been celebrating a record-breaking set of GCSE results.

Headteacher Dr Jonathan Hicks commented: "Last week we were delighted with the grades that our A-Level students achieved, which bucked the national trend and showed an increase in our A* and A grades."

"This week, following the trend of the last two years, our year-11 pupils have once again achieved record results in their GCSEs, with the best results the school has ever seen."

"Our GCSE Level 2 Plus pass rate has increased by 12 per cent on last summer, to 71 per cent, with more pupils than ever before passing maths and English."

"This is remarkable and represents the highest figure in the school's history."

"I should like to pass on my warmest congratulations to all of our pupils and to publicly

thank our tremendously committed and skilled staff for all their hard work this year."

"These two wonderful sets of results, plus our recent best-ever Key Stage 3 results, allied to our consistently high attendance figure of 95 per cent, all show that St Cyres School is providing an excellent education for local children."

"This is reflected in the fact that we now have a waiting list for places in September's year-7 intake."

"We are proud to serve the local community in our superb new building and grounds, and will be endeavouring to achieve even greater success in future years."

"Our open evening on Thursday, October 13, will give parents of year-6 pupils a chance to visit us to discuss admissions for September 2017."

The school added that a large number of students are planning to join the sixth form at St Cyres School to study the wide range of AS and A-Level subjects, as well as the Welsh Baccalaureate, and that enrolment for September 2016 takes place on Friday, August 26, from 8.30am to 11am.

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Watching the medals rack up in event after event, was certainly inspiring for me – and the many others who are now feeling keener than they were a short month ago to take part in sports.

The 'I Am Team GB' sports day on the weekend was a fantastic opportunity to turn that renewed enthusiasm into greater participation. Thousands took part as local sports clubs opened their doors to the public and provided facilities for trampolining, cycling, swimming and more.

Visiting the Sport Wales National Centre recently, I saw plenty of people getting active, eagerly trying out hockey, triathlon and rowing for the first time. ITV, who organised the day, even turned off their TV channels to encourage people to go outside and take part.

The sports day helped to capture the spirit that has gripped the nation this August, and has no doubt introduced some of the stars of the future to the athletic disciplines through which they will become household names.

The great value of engagement, though, is for the great majority for whom getting involved in sport may



Welsh Secretary
ALUN CAIRNS MP
reports to GEM readers

not bring gold medals, but confers huge health benefits and important social benefits for local communities.

I have had conversations with many who didn't take part on Saturday, but who are going to join in with the Barry Parkrun, Cowbridge On The Run or their local rugby club. I really would urge everyone of all ages and levels of fitness to get involved in sport in some way.

Wherever we get involved, at whatever level, be it in running, football or horse-riding we are all part of Team GB. Around the world, the sight of Britain, a proud second in the Olympic medal table, has sent a message: we must never forget that we have always been a special nation, gutsy, smart and innovative world-beaters. Together, there is nothing we cannot achieve in sport or otherwise.

Be proud of our heroes, particularly Dinas Powys' own champion Hannah Mills, and let's be proud of ourselves too and get stuck in!

The GEM makes 'Vale Show' presentation to Marie Curie



Jan Irving of The GEM (left) was delighted to make a presentation to Marie Curie last week. She handed over £336.65 and two uncounted tins to community fundraiser Georgina Burke which were the proceeds of a GEM raffie at the Vale Show.

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Hospitals aiming to recruit apprentices

AS the dust settles on school exam results, young jobseekers can consider a role in the Welsh NHS – thanks to a pilot programme by the ABMU Health Board.

It is aiming to recruit 19 apprentices, aged between 16 and 24, to fill vacancies in departments including therapies, pathology, IT and hotel services.

"Successful applicants will be given a fixed-term 12-month contract and work towards a nationally recognised qualification while being paid an apprentice rate."

"It is hoped the apprenticeships will not only give people a chance to build up their CVs and experience, but also provide a close-up look at the health service and the many career opportunities it offers," said ABMU learning and development manager

Ruth Gates. This is a new project for us and something that I hope will grow in the future, so that we can attract more young people into the workforce and enable them to gain the skills, experience and qualifications for a long career within the health board."

Director of therapies, Amanda Hall, added: "Apprentices will be a huge benefit to our department, as they will be able to assist the team with essential day-to-day tasks – while we offer them the chance to learn vital skills, which will help them in a future career."

"We are also looking at ways in which we can recruit more apprentices into clinical support roles across the therapy directorate."

For more information, go to [jobs.abmu.wales.nhs.uk/job_list/10/A](http://jobs.abmu.wales.nhs.uk/job_list/10/Apprenticeships?_ts=908569)

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HRT's Phil 'Riding the Rockies' for Velindre



Philip Thomas, director at Herbert R Thomas, with brother-in-laws Nick Phillips and Paul Collingridge, will soon be 'Riding the Rockies' in aid of Velindre Hospital.

In September 2014, Phil's sister-in-law Helen Phillips (wife of Nick) lost her four-year battle with breast cancer.

She left behind two daughters, her husband and a family, who wanted to show their support for Velindre Cancer Hospital, which had provided care to Helen during her illness.

Philip explained: "I have been a keen cyclist for many years, and am looking forward to the 405km ride from Canmor to Jasper."

"While the ride will be a challenge, we are focusing on the impact our efforts will have in

fundraising for such a worthy cause."

To ensure Phil is at his physical peak for the Rockies Ride, he has taken part in a number of training and fundraising events this year.

These include the Tour of Pembroke, Cardiff Half Marathon, Velothon, Dragon Ride, Tenby Long Course Weekend, JLL Triathlon and the Mumbles Triathlon.

The final part of this training regime comes to a climax on September 3, seeing him ride to Penderyn market to auction sheep!

To date, the family has raised about £35,000 for the charity by taking part in numerous sporting challenges and holding an auction at the Wildflower Ball in Helen's memory.

If you would like to donate to Phil's charity ride, visit: mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/philipthomas1.

SOMME'S 'FINAL LETTERS' ON FILM

DURING the Battle of the Somme, Welsh troops were famously known for their assault on Mametz Wood, and the tragedy and triumph which followed.

On the first day of the Battle of the Somme, the Welsh were also at

Beaumont Hamel, fighting alongside the Newfoundlanders.

A new short, *Letters Home*, follows the last moments of three soldiers all from different backgrounds and what they decide to write home in what could become their final letters.

Written by Jacqueline Swift, (Jaye Swift) of Llantwit Major, it started its life as a short play in 2012 at Pontardawe Script Slam and went on to win the audience award.

Jaye adapted it to a screenplay, which reached the semi-finals of the London Underwire Festival, and was chosen for a rehearsed reading at the London Screenwriters' Festival.

In the spring of 2014 Jaye, along with co-producer Oli Curry decided to bring the film to life by producing it themselves. All of the cast and crew are either Welsh or live in Wales.

Letters Home was filmed entirely on location in Sington and Morfa Bay, Pendine.

The 22-minute-long film will be screened four times over Barry War Weekend.

GLEN BOOKER

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL GCSE SUCCESS IS CELEBRATED!



Ella Thomas who secured 11A* and a distinction in further maths.

FOLLOWING the excellent results at A-Level last week, the Cathedral School is celebrating "a very strong set" of GCSE results.

Once again, the most common grade achieved was A* and 88 per cent of grades were A* - B, with 98 per cent of pupils gaining at least five GCSE grades A* - C (including mathematics and English).

Almost two thirds of all grades were A*/A. The average performance was the equivalent of just over 10 A grades per pupil.

Top performers included Ella Thomas, who scored 11A* and a distinction in further mathematics.

Among the students achieving 10A* or better, and joining Ella in the sixth form at the Cathedral School, were Charles Hargrave, who will study Spanish, biology, chemistry and



physics and Katherine Shi, who will take biology, chemistry, mathematics and religious studies at A-Level.

James Knowles will study history, music, mathematics and Spanish and Sophia Strinati will take Spanish, biology, chemistry and mathematics.

The new head of the Cathedral School, Clare Sherwood, said: "I was absolutely delighted to congratulate the pupils this morning on their fantastic GCSE results."

"Following the School's continued success at A-Level last week, we are all absolutely delighted that year-11 have done so well which is testament to their hard work and the excellent teaching at the Cathedral School."

The school will host an open morning (nursery - sixth form) on Saturday, October 1. For further details, contact the registrar on 029 2083 8504 or registrar@cathedral-school.co.uk.

HUZZAH! From left: James Knowles, Sophia Strinati, Katherine Shi and Charles Hargrave who all achieved 10A* or better in their GCSE results.

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Wenvoe book sale

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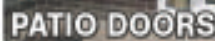
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'Triple whammy' fear for Welsh care homes

A SOCIAL care leader has called for urgent action to deal with the "triple whammy" battering care homes and domiciliary care companies in Bridgend and the Vale.

Mario Kreft, the chair of Care Forum Wales, called on the Welsh Government to act after new figures revealed a steep rise in the number of people aged 85 or over to more than 184,000.

According to Public Health Wales, the Bridgend figure will reach 8,200, by 2036 which represents a 166 per cent increase since 2011, while in the Vale the numbers are expected to rise to 8,500, up 165 per cent.

At the same time, says Mr Kreft, the sector is being hit by chronic underfunding and the prospect of having to give staff a 30 per cent pay increase without knowing where the money is coming from.

The introduction of the living wage would also have a 'knock on effect' across the board because remuneration at every level would have to be increased accordingly to maintain pay differentials.

In Wales, social care looks after 150,000 people and employs 75,000 staff, which is over five per cent of the Welsh workforce.

Between them, care homes and nursing homes have some 23,000 beds - more than double the



Mario Kreft.

number provided by the NHS.

But Mr Kreft believes social care is at a tipping point in 2016, and the new Welsh Government needs to respond.

He explained: "Labour's manifesto for the recent Assembly elections very clearly stated that they saw social care as a sector of national importance, something with which I wholeheartedly agree."

"Social care should be seen as being as important as our road and rail infrastructure. It helps to underpin the NHS and is the glue that binds communities together. "We need a sustainable NHS that people can flow through, and this is where the care sector comes in."

"But the pressure on the NHS today in Wales is directly affected, negatively, by a lack of foresight, connectivity and planning in social care policy in Wales."

"All too often local health boards and local councils do not talk, let alone work together on delivering social care."

"The current system is clearly dysfunctional and the Welsh Government needs to deliver on its manifesto promise."

"Sadly, the reality is that fewer care beds are opening and more are closing and the end result is that more and more pressure is being put back on the NHS."

"The flow back is into the NHS and until we can make health boards work with councils and providers, and get regulators on board, that will continue."

"Matters are being made worse because there is a desperate shortage of nurses which is affecting both the NHS and social care, resulting in added pressure all around."

"Introducing the national living wage over the next four years is going to represent a 30 per cent increase for many workers. This will ramp up all pay rates across the sector and this will have to be paid for."

"Most industries are able to pass such increases on to the customer. However, the overwhelming majority of people in care homes in Wales are supported by local authorities, and health boards who are having their budgets cut. That means there is just no money to pay these increases."

"Something has got to give and I'm afraid it will plunge the social care sector into an even deeper crisis unless the Welsh Government acts with urgency to resolve this triple whammy."

GLAMORGAN YFC IN NEW HANDS FOR A NEW YEAR



Outgoing chairman Kay Lewis-Thomas (left) hands over the reins to Laura Elliott.

GLAMORGAN Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs (YFC) recently held its annual general meeting and the election for its officer team for 2016/17.

Martyn Popham was re-elected as president while Laura Elliott was elected chairman, with Leyshon Griffiths vice chairman.

Amy Edwards is now competitions chairman while Matthew Tucker was re-elected as training and promotions chairman.

Typically, the summer time is a quieter period for YFC activity due to the traditional farming calendar. However, members have been attending various agricultural shows and events over the past few months, namely the Vale of Glamorgan Show, Gower Show and Bedwellty Show, along with local ploughing matches.

Members also volunteered their time to help the smooth running of activities or promoted the organisation, along with the farming industry.

Laura Elliott, the new chairman, said: "There is no other organisation like YFC. It is diverse and offers endless opportunities for young people aged between 10 and 26."

"From informative talks, trips and activities to competitions, social events and travel opportunities, members are encouraged to explore all aspects."

"Don't forget; you don't need to be a farmer to be in Young Farmers!"

To find out more, contact county organiser Gwyneth Thomas, by e-mail email at Glamorgan@yfc-wales.org.uk or telephone 07779 331839. You can also visit www.glamorganyfc.com, uk and follow @GlamorganYFC on twitter or 'like' the 'GlamorganYFC' page on Facebook for regular updates.

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The grade II medieval church has an outstanding monument in the chancel - the Pilgrim Stone, of national importance, which dates from the 13th - 14th

century.

Also on display will be the Elizabethan silver chalice, parish records and other displays of interest from the area.

Cowbridge and District Flower Arranging

THE club recommences after the summer break

on Wednesday, September 7, with a demonstration by Linda Garrett entitled 'All that Glisters'. They meet in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge at 7.30pm. Visitors welcome (at £7).

Warm Homes Nest scheme

THE Welsh Government Warm Homes Nest scheme has joined forces with flu jab clinics across Barry to provide support to patients.

The Nest team will be at Highlight Park (September 8), Waterfront surgery (September 9) Practice of Health (September 12) and Gibbonsdown surgery (September 16) between 10am and 12pm.

The team will provide free, energy-saving advice and support to patients who struggle to heat their homes.

Choir at

Tabernacle BRIDGEND Male Choir will perform at Tabernacle Church, Derwen Road, Bridgend, on Friday, September 9 at 7 pm.

Guests are soprano, Angharad Morgan and organist, Scott Williams. Tickets (£5) available from Porters Estate Agents, 75 Nolton Street, Bridgend; on-line at bookings@bridgendmale

choir.co.uk or telephone 07773 170373.

Live music

ON Saturday, September 10 at 7pm Bearpak present an evening of live music, with Killer State (rock/punk classic covers); Chordie and the X's (mod covers) and Strictly Acoustic (acoustic singers).

Barry Island Sports and Social Club (7 - late). Tickets £5, available from Bearpak, Penarth; Vic Hopkins butchers, High Street, Barry; Studio 14, Island Road, Barry; Zone Cellular, Holton Road, Barry and from Barry Island Sports and Social Club.

Coffee

morning GARTH OAP Club is supporting the cancer charity Macmillan by holding a 'World's Biggest Coffee

Morning' on Saturday, September 10, from 10am - 12 noon.

The cost is £3 and the venue is the Garth Hall, Bridgend Road, Maesteg. Donations of homemade cake would be welcome.

BAVO surgery BRIDGEND Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) is hosting a surgery of one to one appointments with staff from the Welsh Church Act Fund on Friday, September 30.

The fund can support the repair or refurbishment of buildings, purchase of equipment and works to comply with the Equalities Act.

For further information, contact 01656 810400 or bavo@bavo.org.uk to make an appointment.

Ty Hafan lottery winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D946.

● £2,000: 691906.

● The rollover, which now stands at £2,000, was not won this week.

● £10: 999751, 791155, 354499, 982740, 772054, 763056, 840568, 252545, 528674, 954759, 255637, 338950, 487733, 842850, 358773, 426078, 424379, 4 0 1 4 2 8, 381,1984950.

● £5: 326359, 382610, 642612, 575562, 589259, 302008, 214236, 414844, 244675, 233339, 781489, 434608, 119350, 311866, 702416, 103737, 818058, 356340, 438084, 915795, 835792, 208806, 498785, 720446, 865032, 947769, 732920, 271994, 551201, 744255, 710261, 155507, 208163, 792702, 197367, 991933, 716312, 673204, 533257, 650936, 853270, 804609, 648042, 566428, 117994, 421326, 224713, 767192, 895015, 198240, 230484, 359176, 778489, 809909, 863573, 543168, 431095, 874, 1867992, 1984865.

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Rachael's weight loss helps deliver her dream

RACHAEL REES-JONES joined her local Slimming World group in Brackla, Bridgend, when she was advised by her fertility clinic that losing weight would help her chances of getting pregnant.

Rachael dropped from 12 stone 5 pounds, to 9 stone 8, to achieve a healthy weight, and fell pregnant twice - despite being given a 10 per cent chance of success.

She said: "I absolutely love Slimming World; it's not a diet, I enjoy real foods like a full cooked breakfast, steak and Slimming World chips, Spaghetti



Bolognese, and my favourite roast dinner. I still have treats and enjoy a social life, but now I'm in control. A few small changes have made a huge difference!"

Rachael is so committed to the plan that she is changing direction to become a Slimming World consultant.

Rachael's Bridgend group is launching on Saturday, September 3, at Nolton Church Hall, Merythyr Mawr Road North.

Two sessions are available every Saturday at 8am and 10am.

For more information, contact Rachael on 07809 626285.

New consultant from 3rd September
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Helen 01446 750738/ 07968 355119

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THIS POPSTAR IS TOP OF THE CHARTS!

SINCE coming to prominence on Saturday Night Live, The Lonely Island (comprising Andy Samberg, Jorma Taccone and Akiva Schaffer) have turned their hand to comedy albums and a feature film, the vastly underrated gem that is *Hot Rod*.

With Samberg currently starring in *Brooklyn 99*, their profile is getting bigger and bigger, and the trio are ready to bring their second film to the big screen in *Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping*.

Samberg plays Conner4Real, a pop star who left his former

group the Style Boyz (consisting of Taccone's Owen and Schaffer's Lawrence) for solo success. But when his solo album flops massively, Conner (with a documentary crew following him) has to deal with the aftermath...

In recent years, concert films of the likes of Justin Bieber, One Direction and Katy Perry have been released in cinemas; replicating the largesse of arena shows while tempered by backstage footage of the stars at their 'rawest'.

Music documentaries are nothing new (*This Is Spinal Tap* and *The Rutles' All You Need is Cash* spring to mind) but *Popstar* is the first to truly try and skewer the lavish

ridiculousness of the 21st century pop world.

While the target may not be the most unique, the resulting film is a hilarious take on the vacuous world of pop that 'never stops never stopping' delivering laughs throughout. While the last film from The Lonely Island was the slightly more obscure (but no less hilarious) *Hot Rod*, here the comedy feels a little broader, a little coarser yet still retains their unique brand of humour.

Having released three albums, the trio know their way around a tune and whether Conner is singing about the assassination of Osama Bin Laden, his love of gay equality (while taking pains to point out he's straight) or telling

us how humble he is, the songs hit the spot beautifully.

By obeying the rule of any documentary (or indeed mockumentary) that the best material comes when your subject is on the way down rather than on the up, Conner's slow demise is achingly hilarious – he wanders from PR disaster to PR disaster, his entourage (including a scarf wrangler) are deserting him and his album reviews are less than complimentary.

With the use of talking heads to legitimise the film (such as bastions of popular music like Simon Cowell, Ringo Starr and Usher all pop up), while there are cameos that are cleverly placed and work very well, while



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echoes of *Spinal Tap* can be found in Owen (who has gone from Conner's bandmate to DJ) wearing a helmet that emits a vicious laser beam and an even more vicious droning noise (I wonder if that will inconveniently come into play?), and in Conner's dietary requirements.

It's clever enough to lace its pot-shots with irony and deprecation while also obeying the rules of the musical

documentary/biopic; grudges are highlighted (the last member of the Style Boyz, Lawrence, is now living his life as a farmer) and played out, a younger, cooler rapper slowly outstrips Conner's achievements, the absurdities of the industry as whole the canvas on which the characters play.

The performances all hit the right notes, Samberg playing the maladjusted Conner with great flair and lack of knowing, while Taccone and Schaffer's small roles work as a foil to the character.

Tim Meadows' manager and Sarah Silverman's publicist get the occasional moment to shine, while the cast is padded out with skilled comedians who bring the right amount to their roles (the likes of Joan Cusack, Maya Rudolph and Bill Hader dependably good).

It also avoids the fatal trap of comedies by neither overstaying its welcome at a lean 87 minutes, while the predictable redemptive conclusion (with a

particularly impressive musical cameo) feels earned and welcome rather than formulaic.

It all adds up to a pretty funny and strong film; this *Popstar* is definitely top of the charts!

VERDICT: This *Popstar* is definitely a smash-hit, The Lonely Island's pop mockumentary hitting the right notes

throughout. A gentle poke at the music industry, its gag rate is impressive as are the songs, with winning performances throughout. Conner isn't the only thing '4Real' in this glorious comedy. *Highly recommended.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Hot Rod* (2007), *This Is Spinal Tap* (1984).

Visit planned to the National Botanic Gardens

THE local National Trust group is planning a day trip on Sunday, September 25 to the National Botanic Garden of Wales, leaving Cowbridge at 9.30am.

Please email vofgant@gmail.com with names and contact details to reserve your seat, and non-members are welcome.

The cost will be £14 to include entry to the garden; cheques payable to VOGANTM please, to the treasurer.

Our next meeting with a guest speaker will be on Wednesday, September 21 in The Duke at 7.30pm when Richard Neale, the Trust's 'Welsh Coast' project manager will tell us about coastal conservation work.

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'RUMOURS' SPREAD BY THE CONCEPT PLAYERS



Chaos ensues with the cast of *Rumours*.

CONCEPT Players, a south Wales theatre company, returns after the success of *Little Me* and the multi-award winning *Blithe Spirit* with the sophisticated farce *Rumours*.

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His works have included *Barefoot in the Park*, *The Odd Couple*, *The Sunshine Boys*, *Biloxi Blues*, *Plaza Suite*, *Sweet Charity*, *Little Me*, *The Goodbye Girl* and *California Suite*.

Stars such as Michael Caine, Jane Fonda and Maggie Smith (who won an Oscar for her portrayal of a diva in *California Suite*) have all performed

Simon's work.

The action starts as soon as the curtain rises. A gun has been fired at the home of a prominent British cabinet minister just as his friends gather to celebrate his 10th wedding anniversary.

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The talents of Concept Players have recently earned them awards from the Glamorgan Drama League and the National Operatic & Dramatic Association.

With farce a particular speciality of Concept Players, this is a revival not to be missed.

Rumours opens at the Paget Rooms, Penarth on Thursday, September 15 at 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm) and runs until Saturday, September 17.

Tickets £12 each are available from www.concept-players.com, or via the Concept box office (029) 2049 0019 or the Borough Theatre box office (01873) 850805 or online at www.boroughtheatrebergavenny.co.uk.

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Macmillan is one of the United Kingdom's great charities, providing care and support for people at their time of greatest need, and each year it holds its flagship fundraiser 'The World's Biggest Coffee Morning'.

Last year £25 million was raised and organisers hope to beat that figure this year.

A spokesman for the charity explained: "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer."

"We ask people all over the UK to host their own coffee mornings, and donations on the day are made to Macmillan. "There are now 2.5

million people in the UK living with cancer. By 2030, it will be 4 million people, and we want to be there for them all."

"One in three of us will get cancer, and it will be one of the toughest things we'll ever have to face. Our goal is to make sure no one faces cancer alone."

"We provide medical, emotional, practical and financial support, and campaign for better cancer care. And because cancer affects more than just those facing it, we're there for friends and family too."

The official date of the coffee morning is Friday September 30, but people can organise one on the day that suits them best.

How do you hold your own coffee morning?

The spokesman explained: "It's easy. Sign up at

<https://coffeeregister.macmillan.org.uk> and we'll send you your pack in 12 working days."

"Then all you have to do is decide what to do for your coffee morning and where and when you want it to take place."

"Invite your friends, family, colleagues or open it up to the public by posting it on our online coffee morning map."

"Enjoy catching up over cake and a cuppa, collect your donations and send them through to us via post, online, on the phone or at the bank."

(There are full details on the methods you can use to send off funds to Macmillan on the website).

If you want to make your coffee morning open to the public, you can post the details on Macmillan's online map, and download posters and promotional materials to put up at work, in shops and on notice boards.

When guests make a contribution, you can ask them to 'Gift Aid it' which increases the value of a donation. For every £1 people donate, it means the charity can

claim an extra 25p from the government.

The spokesman added: "If everyone claimed Gift Aid on their coffee morning donations, we could raise an extra £2 million!"

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"We know cancer changes everything. But you don't need to face it alone.

"Many people find it hard to talk to their loved ones about cancer, or to talk about it at all. But a chat with one of our experts can help you find the words you need. Sometimes, talking to someone outside your family and group of friends can really help.

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Parc Slip Nature Reserve in Tondur, Bridgend, is a place to admire wildlife, but it wasn't always a haven.

Up until the 1980s, Parc Slip was an open-cast coal mine. On August 24, 1892, there was an explosion in the mine, thought to be caused by a miner's lamp.

The explosion trapped and injured many people and a rescue began. Despite their efforts, 112 men and boys lost their lives that day. It was one of the most important as well as tragic events in the history of the area.

At 8.15am on the morning of August 26, people gathered at the memorial at Parc Slip to pay their respects.

The mayor of Bridgend County Borough, Coun Reg Jenkins and the mayoress, Mrs Teresa Jenkins, were among them. A speech was made, followed by a period of silence and afterwards people shared their stories of family members' experiences of the disaster.

Coun Jenkins said: "It is absolutely vital that we should take time to remember this tragic disaster and the deep effect that it had on our community. Fathers, sons and brothers lost their lives on that dark day, leaving 60 women widowed and 153 children without a dad."

The miners who lost their lives in the explosion are remembered today at Parc Slip Nature Reserve with a stone memorial fountain in the southern end of the reserve.

The fountain is made up of 112 stones – one for every person who lost their life. The fountain is adjacent to the cycle track and bridle path, making the paths leading to it accessible.

Welsh delegation to visit Bosnia

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Starting university if you have Type 1 diabetes doesn't have to be stressful so make sure you're prepared, and if you need any more advice you can give our helpline a call on 0345 123 2399.

Dai Williams,
Director of Diabetes UK Cymru.

Research update

PROFESSOR S Wong will provide an update on diabetes research for the Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group on Tuesday, September 20.

All are welcome to the meeting, which will be held in the boardroom of Llandough Hospital, Penarth from 7.30pm – 9pm.

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PART 4: MARINE LICENSING APPLICATION FOR A MARINE LICENCE TO CARRY OUT REPAIRS TO SEA DEFENCES AT ABERTHAW POWER STATION

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The application and plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at The County Library, Barry, King Square, Barry CF63 4RW.

Alternatively, copies of the application can be obtained from the Cardiff Permitting Service, Natural Resources Wales, 29 Newport Road, Cambria House, Cardiff, CF24 0TP. Permittingconsultations@Naturalresourceswales.gov.uk.

Representations or objections in respect of the application should be made in writing to: Marine Licensing Team, Cardiff Permitting Service, Natural Resources Wales, 29 Newport Road, Cambria House, Cardiff, CF24 0TP, or e-mail marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

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This season brings comfort in reassuring styles, go for a layered look, maybe add a faux fur gilet, or this season's must-have, a long-line knitted gilet or coatigan with a pair of skinny jeans – a great look for any occasion.

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In Business Update

Calling new walk leaders in Cowbridge

Do you enjoy walking? Would you like to do something for others and make new friends?

Valeways, the walking charity, is recruiting volunteer walk leaders for their new programme of Cowbridge Coffee Shop Strollers – designed to help people get out and about – good for the heart, health and company!

Walk leaders do just that – lead the way and ensure everyone's safe: "It involves an hour or

so every fortnight. These walks are about a mile long," said co-ordinator Rebecca Exley.

"Valeways will fund your first aid training and be there to give advice and support. It's a really good way to meet people and extend your skills. Each walk ends with café refreshment – hence the name."

Interested? Call Rebecca on 01446 749000, or you are warmly welcome to join a 'taster session' at 2.30pm on September 7, meeting in the Cowbridge Physic Garden.

NEW



Cowbridge COFFEE SHOP STROLLERS

Wednesday 7th September 2016

Meet in Cowbridge Physic Garden at 2:30pm.

For more information contact info@valeways.org.uk or call 01446 749000

NEWS IN BRIEF

Book signing

CARDIFF novelist, Louise Walsh will be signing copies of her new book *Black River* at Waterstones Bookshop, The Hayes, Cardiff, this evening (Thursday September 1) at 7pm.

Welsh actor Mark Lewis Jones will be reading a dramatic excerpt from the book, which centres around a Cardiff journalist Harry Roberts, haunted by his failure to cover the Aberfan disaster, which occurred on a rainy October day some 50 years before Louise was born.

Published by Carreg Gwalch at £7.50, *Black River* is Louise's second novel.

Barry at War

THE Wartime Weekend takes place over September 3 – 4 at Barry Island Station; Saturday from 10am – 5pm, and Sunday from 10am – 4pm.

Google 'Barry War Museum' to find the full programme of events.

Valeways walks

This Sunday (September 4), at 10am, 'Circumnavigating Barry Island', starting at Barry Island railway station.

Tuesday, September 6 at 10am, Crwydro Ynys Y Barry', Gorsaf Reilffordd, Ynys Y Barri.

Also on September 6, at 1.30pm, 'Woods and Castles', starting at the rear of Walston Castle pub, Wenvoe.

Wednesday, September 7, at 10.30am, the Barry coffee shop strollers meet at Romily Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry.

Also on September 7, at 2.30pm, the Cowbridge coffee shop strollers meet at the Physic Garden fountain, Cowbridge.

'You're the first person to call me all week' – Tom aged 83 Cold comfort for the old and lonely in the webcam world

SPECIAL REPORT by Andy Johnstone

IN the social media-savvy and webcam world of today, no-one is lonely...Anyone with even a moderately good-spec smartphone can be in touch with more people in more places around the world than ever before.

People are judged, and judge themselves, by the number of 'friends' on Facebook and acolytes on Twitter. The world is connected, and the 'six degrees of separation' is so last century. Now each person is just a click away from a friend and excitement.

THIS IS THE MYTH...

In reality – according to research carried out by OnePoll on behalf of homecare company Bluebird Care earlier in the summer – some 20 per cent of people in Wales, aged 65 or older, claimed to have spent a total of nearly one month a year without seeing anyone.

Tom (not his real name, he does not want any one to know) agrees.

Tom lives near the sea in the Vale of Glamorgan. He served in one of Britain's 'forgotten' wars: Korea.

He said: "Each month, I read about another old bloke, usually a soldier or a matelot or from the RAF, dying alone, with no kin near him.

"The [Royal British] Legion puts out a call for people to attend his funeral, but where were they in the months before he died?

"It's not their fault, and I am glad that he is remembered after his death, but what about before?"

Tom related how he and his wife retired to south Wales some 20 years ago.

"We lived on the south coast of England, a place often called 'God's Waiting Room, and we

thought, 'We don't want to die there!'"

Tragically, Tom's wife, 'Peggy', died just three years after they moved to Wales.

"Our retirement together was lovely, but too short. Our children, two girls and a boy, moved all over Britain because of work and now they have their families.

"I don't blame them; it's a long way from Perthshire to Wales..." He trailed off, and then said "You're the first person to call me all week."

The online research, of 1,000 65-year-old men and women, was conducted in the run-up to the launch of the 'Every Visit Counts' campaign.

Echoing Tom, findings suggest that 22 per cent of respondents would not admit, even to someone they trust, that they are lonely.

"I go to the Legion, sometimes," said Tom. "A pint and a chinwag helps for a short while, though coming back to an empty house – it's worse in the summer when it's busy, when there are so many families around – can be awful."

'Women feel loneliness more than the men'

'Lucy', who lives in a rural part of Bridgend, moved when a teenager, from Europe, to study in the UK.

By coincidence, she submitted a letter to The GEM on the same subject last week, having watched an interview with Esther Rantzen on television about loneliness.

"Great Britain always seemed such a welcoming country with friendly people," she began. "and it has been."

"Watching it, I realised that I am one of these

people, living on her own and not seeing anyone from one day to the next."

Lucy explained how bereft she felt when her husband died after years of marriage, and added: "Women feel this loneliness, the loneliness after a marriage and in later life, more than men."

Findings from Age UK in part back up this assertion. Some 11.4m people aged 65 or older live in the UK. Men account for 3.4m. Bluebird Care's research suggests that older women are twice as likely to spend the equivalent of at least two months alone each year (1.1m women compared to 200,000 men).

"Clubs, even the popular, well-known ones, are not for me," said Lucy.

She cited a lack of choice, a lack of publicity and a lack of public transport for her situation.

"Even in The GEM, there is little publicised. I do not drive and I do not like to be out when it is dark. A lack of public transport in my area means I stay at home for much of the time."

Whilst social media, including Facebook, may be popular with many – including the 'silver surfers' – it is not for Lucy, who said "I just don't know how it works."

Some years now since her husband died, perhaps a better future is on the horizon for Lucy. She takes part in charitable activities for people overseas, and says she "counts her blessings".

"I am in touch with my two children very frequently."

"I know that one must make some effort and not just wait for new friends to turn up, and I do have lots of interests."

"Perhaps I have got used to the isolation now."

• For more information, readers can telephone 0800 169 2081, or contact: www.everyvisit.co.uk, www.ageuk.org.uk or

Become a Vale volunteer!



THE Vale Council's countryside service is looking for more volunteers.

The team is

particularly keen for assistance in managing the walled gardens, such as the walled gardens at

Dunraven, at Southerndown, which recently saw a group of volunteers from Lloyds Bank help tidy

the gardens. The team is also set to hit locations such as Cosmeston medieval village, Porthkerry Country Park, and the Barry Island beach huts, hoping to promote these volunteer days and actively welcome questions regarding how people can get involved with the team.

The Vale Council's countryside and environment team works on a wide range of tasks, including the management and maintenance of public rights of way, the conservation of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast, and the management of the Vale's environment.

To register as a volunteer, or to find out more, e-mail: countrysidevolunteer@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Valeways 'Coffee Shop Strollers' get £1k boost

VALEWAYS, the Barry-based walking charity, has received a grant to help locals in the Vale and a new initiative being launched in Cowbridge at the start of September.

The Community Foundation in Wales has given £1,000 to Valeways to extend its Coffee Shop Strollers project in and around Cowbridge.

Designed especially for people looking that bit of encouragement to get out and about, similar schemes have proved a success in Cosmeston and Barry.

"Valeways' purpose is to promote walking and countryside access in the Vale," said volunteer co-ordinator, Rebecca Exley, "but a lot of people, including 'seniors', really want to go out walking – but have got out of the habit, sometimes lack the confidence or impetus – or simply don't want to

walk on their own and are looking for the right companion.

"Thanks to the Community Foundation in Wales, we're inviting people to join the launch of Cowbridge Strollers on September 7, meeting in Cowbridge Physic Garden at 2.30pm. The walks are no more than 1 hour long and avoid hills and stiles.

"We've found, on pioneer schemes, that people make friends on these walks, learn something about the terrain they are walking and, crucially, it's good for heart, health and wellbeing.

"The walks typically finish with refreshments at a café and an opportunity to socialise – which is all part of the fun."

The walks are open to all and will take place every other Wednesday. For more information, contact info@valeways.org.uk or call 01446 749000.

Triathlon effort raises money for Headway



Andrew McCluskey with his friend Tom Taylor, at the Slateman Triathlon.

AN occupational therapist, who specialises in neuropsychiatry, recently took part in his first triathlon – to raise money for the Headway charity.

Andrew McCluskey took on the Slateman Triathlon and raised money for Headway, which works to improve life after brain surgery.

Nearly 1,500 triathletes took part in the Slateman event, in the village of Llanberis, at the foot of Snowdon.

Andrew, who works at Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, and his friend Tom Taylor, who also took part in the race,

raised almost £1,000 between them for the charity. Andrew said: "It was a real challenge to be part of, I did a one-kilometre swim in Llyn Padarn, then a 50km cycle around Snowdonia, which had amazing views – but a lot of hills – and an 11km run up from Llanberis and around the slate quarries.

"I finished in three hours and 28 minutes, which isn't too bad for my first triathlon! I'd like to thank everyone who kindly sponsored us and supported us along the way."

To find out more about the services that Headway provides visit: www.headway.org.uk/

Filco's 'Making a Difference' boost for local volunteers



Llanilltud Fawr in Flower was delighted to receive a generous donation via Filco's 'Making a Difference' fund. Ian Hunt of Filco was keen to meet volunteers and hear about their work in making brightening up Llantwit town centre.

FILCO supermarket has donated £250 to Llanilltud Fawr in Flower through the store's 'Making a Difference Locally Fund' (MADL).

It is a real boost for local volunteers who put many hours into making Llantwit look its best as Tina Benfield the chairperson of LFF, said: "On behalf of Llanilltud Fawr in Flower and our 32 hard working volunteers I should like to thank MADL for this most generous donation and say a big 'thank you' to Ian Hunt owner of Filco Supermarkets for nominating us.

"This grant is very timely as we have just had to purchase £160 worth of spare parts to repair our electric watering bowser on top of our order for winter flowers.

"We have received much praise for this summer's displays and this donation will help us to plant up the town to a good standard again.

"We rely totally on donations and could not enhance the town's flowers without contributions such as this for which we are extremely grateful."

Time for rebirth of 'Vale Cycling Forum'

As someone who has cycled in the Vale and Cardiff, for work and for pleasure for much of my life, I feel qualified to make a personal comment on the cycle/footpath debate.

When cycling to teach in Wenvoe in the 80s, I was known as the 'Blue Flash' by my colleagues. These days I am more of a 'Grey Cloud' and tend to stay off the roads as much as possible, finding new ways and places to appreciate the natural beauty around us.

I have always felt a little guilt because as a Vale councillor, when cycling from Wenvoe School to a site meeting as the link road was being built, I did not insist on a cycle/footpath to be included in the scheme.

The need for such a link road cycle/footpath has never been more obvious than now, given the present proposed cycle/footpaths.

With all the additional housing, access roads and junctions, total gridlock has arrived and not just at 'rush hour'.

It is now appearing through the day-time, affecting each local car journey. The 20-minute journey now takes an hour while people sit in traffic jams looking at the poorly planned, over-engineered and largely empty cycle/footpaths.

The Waterfront developments will add thousands more car journeys to the routes from Barry, yet the new bus lanes are poorly laid out and have so few bus journeys on them.

There has never been a more urgent need to enable people to cycle,



walk or use buses for work and for pleasure – as the 'Active Travel for Wales' scheme says.

Just like motorists, cyclists want to power up hills, enjoy the speed, wind and exhilaration of going fast downhill and cruise along clear roads with good views of the countryside, but cyclists only have leg power. Their bodies and bicycles are exposed and are easily damaged or destroyed.

I speak from experience, having received a fractured sternum, a double fracture to my cheekbone, several bicycles smashed up/damaged and many cuts/bruises, from motor vehicles.

One of the first incidents was being smashed off my bicycle and sent over the bonnet of a Vale council officer's car as he carelessly pulled out.

Ironically, I was on my way to a council meeting! Having survived, I still enjoy cycling and still know how to roll when hitting the ground!

Cyclists travelling at 30/40mph will not use the paths through the Wenvoe Valley because passing through many exits and entrances at such speed could be fatal.

Though the paths are suitable for recreational cycling and walking, keen cyclists will not want to be jumping from path to road at high speed.

Lessons need to be learned from the recent constructions. For example, the Port Road/Barry Island causeway paths, despite their great width, do not indicate where cyclists/pedestrians should be travelling.

The causeway scheme should send cyclists down the slope to the Old Harbour car park, with a new cycle/footpath alongside

that car park, leading to the western entrance to the Island/beach.

The railway/road bridge can then be left to pedestrians.

It is this kind of detail which consultants and highway engineers, as non cyclists, simply do not understand.

So now, after many years of waiting, we have the latest madcap schemes for cycle/footpaths from Barry to Dinas Powys, and to the A48, and lessons have not been learned.

To begin, because of their over-engineered proposals, the schemes will cost millions of pounds in public funds to buy various pieces of land off greedy landowners who do not have a philanthropic bone in their bodies.

The Five Mile Lane route from Weycock Cross to the A48 proposes cutting a 60mph road through the unspoiled countryside and blasting a wide swathe through the ancient woodlands of Barry's valley.

This beautiful valley and its ancient woods could easily be preserved if the new road were to go straight across to the airport roundabout at Welford.

The huge costs of this scheme, along with the millions suggested for the Biglis to Dinas Powys route are so high because they are over-engineered, designed by people who build roads and do not cycle.

As Coun Burnett has agreed, more than once, it is time for the rebirth of the Vale Cycling Forum.

Without consultation with cyclists and walkers, the very people who will use these facilities, we will continue to build badly connected and under-used paths to nowhere, 'Grey Cloud' aka Keith Stockdale, Barry.

What's On and Where?

Plaid surgery RESIDENTS are invited to attend an advice surgery to discuss any council issues or concerns.

Plaid Cymru Couns Dr Ian Johnson, Steffan Wiliam, Nic Hodges and Shirley Hodges will be at The Community Room, The County Library, King Square, Barry from 11am – 12pm on Saturday, September 3. No appointments necessary.

Rummage sale A RUMMAGE sale will be held in the Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth on Saturday, September 3 from 9am – 11.30am. Entry 50p (to include tea/coffee). All proceeds to charity, plenty of bargains for all

Friends of the Earth

THE next meeting of Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth will be on Tuesday, September 6 at 7.30pm in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry.

Loan advice

IF you live in Vale of Glamorgan and are looking for a flexible savings account, or an affordable low interest loan for electrical and white goods, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale (in partnership with Co-op Electrical) are holding an information session at the Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road Barry on Tuesday, September 13 from 10am to 12pm.

Come in and chat to an adviser from Cardiff and Vale Credit Union on any questions you may have about this scheme. No

appointment is needed, just come along.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Age Connects are holding a free legal advice session on Tuesday, September 13 from 10am – 12pm at the Senior Health Shop.

If you are over 50, and worried about a legal matter (other than criminal) come along and have a chat. No appointment needed; call 01446 732385.

If you live in the Vale and need advice or help on benefits such as Pension Credit, Attendance Allowance, Housing Benefit, Disability Living Allowance, Age Connects run a free Welfare Rights service which can help you with any of these issues.

An adviser will be at the Senior Health Shop on Tuesday, September 6 from 9.30am – 11.30am; no appointment needed.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information, home visits can be arranged if needed.

Free computer classes for seniors

FRIENDLY students of UWC Atlantic College are offering one-to-one tuition for seniors interested in learning computer skills, including sending emails, creating word documents, surfing the net, online shopping... and anything else you'd like to learn!

The classes will run on Tuesday afternoons from September 13 and Wednesday afternoons from September 14 at UWC Atlantic College, St Donat's Castle, Llantwit Major, CF61 1WF. Call Christine on 01446 799076.

Bikers' charity treasure hunt

A MOTORCYCLE/scooter treasure hunt for charity is being organised on Sunday, October 9 (10am start).

No entrance fee; a minimum of £30 sponsorship for the British Red Cross. Full details and sponsor forms from: AG Adams & Son Funeral Directors in Barry. Ask for Arthur Thompson, on 01446 735128 or 07753 929603; arthur.thompson@letsco-operate.com.

Ageing Well KEEPING healthy and active over 50 doesn't mean trying to battle sweaty gyms or fast dance-moves!

Extend encourages people of all shapes and sizes to improve their general health and well-being and maintain independence in an enjoyable setting.

With gentle exercises to music both sitting and standing, it is ideal for over-50s and disabled. Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Ageing Well Project in the Vale are running two new classes: one at Llantwit Hall, Llantwit Major on Thursday mornings from 10.30am – 11.30am, and Fridays at Dinas Powys Scout Hall, from 10am – 11am with refreshments to follow.

For further details and to book, contact Gill Gapski on 02920 530544 or email gapski@aol.com. For details of other Extend classes in Barry call Nona Hexter on 01446 732385.

St John Cymru Wales launches 'Save a Life September'

ST JOHN Cymru Wales is launching its 'Save a Life September' campaign as part of a drive to raise awareness of the importance of first aid.

Throughout September, the charity will be delivering hundreds of free training sessions at schools, training centres and businesses across Wales. The public will learn how to save a life using easy-to-follow techniques and receive a free pocket-sized first aid guide to keep on them in case of an emergency.

Keith Dunn, CEO St John Cymru Wales, commented: "We believe that no one should die because they needed first-aid and didn't get it.

"First aid is something that many people think about learning, or brushing up on, but they often don't realise the need for it until they are in an emergency situation.

"That's why our aim is to have a first-aid in every home in Wales.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independents will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, September 3 from 9.30am – 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

We want to reach as many people as possible, so that more people are equipped with the skills to save a life."

Anyone interested in learning first-aid can sign up for a free two-hour first-aid training session during September at www.stjohnwales.org.uk/savealife or call 0345 678 5646 for more information.

Sessions for Bridgend and the Vale are on September 17 at the St John Hall on Minerva Street in Bridgend at 9am, 11.30am and 3pm.

Nominate local young heroes

THE public is being urged to honour local unsung heroes by nominating them for the first ever British Citizen Awards (BCYA).

BCYA co-founder Mike Faulkner is calling for Glamorgan GEM readers to help them find under-16s from across the area who have positively impacted the community, helped a local charity or undertaken exceptional activities in support of others.

He added: "There is no age limit for selfless acts of kindness, which is why we're launching an award especially designed to honour under-16s. Selfless people are the key to making our society and

communities the special places that they are, and this includes many unsung heroes who are often responsible for amazing things but don't receive the praise they are due.

"We'd like to encourage people to help us give our amazing youngsters the credit they deserve. If you know a young person under the age of 16 who deserves to be recognised for their commitment to a good cause, then put them forward. Tell us who they are. We need the public's help to find our young hidden heroes."

Nominations close on September 16. The selected nominees will be presented with awards at the Palace of Westminster on October 18.

History beneath our feet – the ghosts below!

IN Gwynedd Pierce's *The Place Names of Dinas Powys Hundred*, entries such as *The Hermytage* (lost), *Riddings Wood* (lost), *Felon's Way* (lost) are frequent throughout the volume – places referred to in ancient documents but have vanished, apparently without trace, writes BRIAN KEITCH.

Some place names, such as Coed yr Hebog (Falcon's wood) in Penarth, are still very much there, but are no longer recognised as such by name (in cases because of urbanisation), but others – houses and farmsteads, which once housed whole families – were abandoned and over the years reduced to rubble, their identity surviving only in the maps or other documents.

It's a case of more history under our feet and, of course, the rich evidence provided by field names. Was Castle Field (lost) on the Hurst 1791 estate map of Llandough (by Cogan) some reference to the Roman villa discovered there in 1979?

In many cases of farmsteads and cottages, names refer to the family that once lived there all those generations ago, e.g. Phillip's Farm (lost). As people lived in these "lost" places, there will be artefacts – because there will be a rubbish dump attached. No site is worth ignoring because many a settlement goes back hundreds, possibly thousands, of years – including whole villages such as Cosmeston and Uchel Oleu (Highlight). Why quarry new stone if there is a ready supply from a ruin to build a new house or barn? That's why so many castles lie in ruin in our area.

Cowbridge

APART from the town and its surrounds, mounds, cuttings, some bridges and culverts stretching in lines across the Fro, remind us that once the iron horse road across the fields.

Adverts in the Taff Vale Railway time table circa 1900 entice you to take a day by the sea: "Excursions to the Sea Side – return tickets at reduced fares will be issued to Cowbridge (for Llantwit Major), St Athan Road (for the Leys) and Aberthaw on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays." The fares? From Merthyr, Aberdare and Treherbert (old money first – 2/9, now 14p) to Cowbridge. To St Athan Road and Aberthaw railway stations, three shillings and threepence, or 16p today.

Sully

HALF-DAY excursions to Penarth and Sully were offered on Thursdays and Saturdays from the above places at three shillings or 15p return. The line to Aberthaw closed in 1930 for passengers and 1932 for goods. The last train to Sully ran in 1968.

If any readers are interested, I have film footage of the entire Penarth to Cadogton branch in action just before closure and would be happy to show it at a suitable location.

Traces of these lost lines show up as pecked lines on the Ordnance Survey Landranger maps. Little remains of these lost railways today – though the station buildings at St Mary Church Road and St Athan Road stations amazingly remain in situ.

Portkerry

THE real 'ghost line', lasted but two years. The history beneath our feet reveals precious little of the Portkerry Loop Line.

Just weeks after the Vale of Glamorgan railway line had opened to Barry, the new viaduct at Portkerry was on the brink of falling down! Obviously it was closed for urgent repairs – in fact it was largely rebuilt – so some other way was required to keep traffic running. The answer? The Portkerry Loop Line, some two miles and 44 chains in length. Trains were cleared to use the diversion as and from April 25, 1898.

The cuttings, eastward from Rhose and a small section on the other side of the valley towards Barry, can still be traced. The trains crossed two roads and a farm track on level crossings controlled by a signal box, but no trace remains.

When the viaduct had been repaired and reopened for traffic again on April 9, 1900, the loop line disappeared back into the fields and sank into a bit of railway history long forgotten. Some foundations of the one timber bridge on the loop over the Whitelands Brook and bits of ballast, can still be recognised 116 years after the last chuffer gingerly made its way over the track at 10 miles per hour!

For those unaware of the dangers of trespassing on the railway, the loop line rejoined the main line at a place called Knock-man-down Wood!

St Athan

RAILWAYS are not alone in disappearing in the course of time. Ancient roadways have been bypassed and left to nature – the 'main road' to St Athan has quietly faded away, both east and west of the village, though one can still plod along the old road, unaware that the first motor cars were driven along this way.

Who knows what lurks on the roadside verges and walls of these disused communication routes (remember the bodies in the bushes/walls a few articles ago in this series?)

If someone goes missing these days, the police are on the search, but not back years ago. Folks just disappeared – into the roadside wall, in the fields, over the cliffs, maybe into a barrel of home brew to

give it a bit more body (!), navy press gangs – who knows?

St Fagans

BATTLES, apparently on Stalling Down, Heol y Milwyr at St Bride's Major and the term Gadlys, all suggest a touch of violence.

On May 8, 1648, Major General Laugharne on the Royalist side in the English Civil War, with some 8,000 men, came against Colonel Horton's Roundheads on the Parliamentary side in the vicinity of St Fagan's.

The latter won the battle, with over 1,000 fatalities and some 3,000 taken prisoner. Under our feet must remain plenty of artefacts from this battle – not least human remains, ordnance etc.

On my sojourns in the Czech Republic, I ventured to Slavkov (Austerlitz) where Napoleon's army routed the Russian and Austrian armed forces in 1805. To this day artefacts are still being ploughed up. With all the castles, large or small that abound the Fro, it's hard to imagine that there was not a skirmish or two!

Margam and Cefn Cribwr

ON an equally tragic note, there were many other victims beneath our feet, this time the victims for the price of coal.

The Morfa Colliery on Margam Moors acquired the dubious title of the *Pit of Ghosts*. Extending well under the sea to provide the nearby Taibach works, the pit suffered no fewer than seven explosions – in

June 1849, May 1850, December 1850, November 1858, October 1863 (when 39 men and boys were killed); February 1870 (which claimed the lives of 30 miners) and, worst of all, in March 1890, when the pit caused the death of another 87 men and boys. The mine was mercifully abandoned in 1914.

Not far away at Fountain near Cefn Cribwr, disaster struck in 1892. It was the occasion of the great St Mary Hill Fair and many miners had swapped shifts to go there. At the fairground, the explosion at the Parc Slip Drift Mine was heard. Efforts to save the colliers were swift, but too late for 112 men and boys. The 'Parc' slipped into history in 1904.

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Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 5 Medi 2016 neu ar y dyddiad y bydd yr Arwyddion Traffig mewn grym p'un bynnag sydd hwyraf, a gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

Os ydych am gwestiynu dilyswydd y Gorchymyn neu unrhyw rai o'i ddarpariaethau ar y sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r pwerau a ddylarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail nas cydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw un o'nyfion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwe wythnos o 5 Medi 2016, wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys at y diben hwn.

ATOLDEN 1

1. Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn gyrru neu adael i gerbyd deithio ar gyflymder sy'n fwy na 30 mya yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atolden 2 isod.

ATOLDEN 2

Lleoliad St Lythans Road, rhwng ei gyffordd â A4050 Port Road ac Old Port Road Gwenfô

Rheswm Galluogi gwaith hanfodol i wella diogelwch ar y ffordd ynghyd â gwaith cysylltiedig.

Hyd O 06:00 ar ddydd Llun 5 Medi 2016, hyd at 18 mis, neu nes bydd yr Arwyddion Traffig 30 mya yn cael eu symud, pa bynnag un a ddaw yn gyntaf.

ATOLDEN 3

2. Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn gyrru neu adael i gerbyd deithio mewn modd sy'n torri'r cyfyngiadau a nodir yn Atolden 4

ATOLDEN 4

Lleoliad Dim Troi i'r Dde o Port Road, i mewn i Barc Manwerthu Croes Cwrlwys wrth grid 311832 174651,

Gwryiad Tua'r gogledd, i'r gylchfan wrth Croes Cwrlwys, yna o gwmpas y gylchfan ac yn ôl ar Port Road a pharhau tua'r de ar hyd Port Road, a throi i'r chwith i mewn i'r Parc Manwerthu.

Lleoliad Dim Troi i'r Dde o Barc Manwerthu Croes Cwrlwys wrth grid 311832 174651 i Port Road,

Gwryiad Tua'r de, i'r gylchfan yn Brooklands Terrace, yna o gwmpas y gylchfan ac yn ôl ar Port Road a pharhau tua'r gogledd ar hyd Port Road (mae'n bosibl y caiff traffig ei ailgyfeirio heibio Cyffordd Brooklands Terrace i'r gylchfan yn Quarry Road lle y caiff ei gyfeirio i wneud "Troad U" yn ôl i lawr Port Road).

Lleoliad Troi i'r Chwith yn unig o Brooklands Terrace i Port Road,

Gwryiad Tua'r gogledd, i'r gylchfan yn Quarry Road, yna o gwmpas y gylchfan a theithio'n ôl i lawr Port Road a pharhau tua'r gogledd ar hyd Port Road, a throi i'r chwith i St Lythans Road neu barhau ar hyd Port Road.

Lleoliad Troi i'r Chwith yn Unig o St Lythans Road i Port Road,

Gwryiad Tua'r gogledd, i'r gylchfan wrth Croes Cwrlwys, yna o gwmpas y gylchfan a theithio'n ôl i lawr Port Road a pharhau tua'r de ar hyd Port Road, a throi i'r chwith i Brooklands Terrace neu barhau ar hyd Port Road.

Lleoliad Dim Troi i'r Dde o Port Road i Brooklands Terrace,

Gwryiad Tua'r gogledd, i'r gylchfan wrth Croes Cwrlwys, yna o gwmpas y gylchfan a theithio'n ôl i lawr Port Road a pharhau tua'r de ar hyd Port Road, a throi i'r chwith i Brooklands Terrace.

Lleoliad Dim Troi i'r Dde o Port Road i St Lythans Road,

Gwryiad Tua'r de, i'r gylchfan yn Quarry Road, yna o gwmpas y gylchfan ac yn ôl i Port Road gan barhau tua'r gogledd ar hyd Port Road, a throi i'r chwith i Port Road.

Rheswm Galluogi gwaith gwella hanfodol ar y briffordd ynghyd â gwaith cysylltiedig.

Hyd O 06:00 ar ddydd Llun 5 Medi 2016, hyd at 18 mis, neu nes bydd yr Arwyddion Traffig Dim Troi i'r Dde/Troi i'r Chwith yn Unig yn cael eu symud, pa bynnag un a ddaw yn gyntaf.

EMBARGO Y NADOLIG

Ni fydd unrhyw un o'r cyfyngiadau uchod mewn grym o ddydd Llun 5 Medi 2016 Tan ddydd lau 6 Ionawr 2017

Dyddiedig 1 Medi 2016.

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg
The Alps, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.



The Vale of Glamorgan Council (A4050 PORT ROAD AND ST LYTHANS ROAD, WENVOE) (30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURN AND LEFT TURN ONLY (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2016

On the 1st September 2016 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.

The Order will come into operation on the 5th September 2016 or on the date that the necessary Traffic Signs are in place whichever is the later and a copy of the Order may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 5th September 2016 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30 mph in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location St Lythans Road, between its junctions with the A4050 Port Road and Old Port Road Wenvoe
Reason To allow essential highway improvements to be undertaken, together with associated works.

Duration From 06:00Hrs on Monday 5th September 2016, for a maximum period of 18 months, or until such time as the 30mph Traffic Signs are removed, whichever is the sooner.

SCHEDULE 3

2. No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to contravene the restrictions specified in Schedule 4

SCHEDULE 4

Location No Right Turn from Port Road, into the Culverhouse Cross Retail Park at grid 311832 174651,

Diversion Will be in a northerly direction, to the roundabout at Culverhouse Cross, then around the roundabout and back onto Port Road and continuing in a southerly direction along Port Road, then turning left into the retail Park.

Location No Right Turn from the Culverhouse Cross Retail Park at grid 311832 174651 onto Port Road,

Diversion Will be in a southerly direction, to the roundabout at Brooklands Terrace, then around the roundabout and back onto Port Road and continuing in a northerly direction along Port Road (it is possible that for a time the diverted traffic will be diverted on past the Brooklands Terrace Junction to the roundabout at Quarry Road, where it will be directed to "U Turn" back onto Port Road).

Location Left Turn Only from Brooklands Terrace onto Port Road,
Diversion Will be in a southerly direction, to the roundabout at Quarry Road, then around the roundabout and back onto Port Road and continuing in a northerly direction along Port Road, then turning left into St Lythans Road or continuing along Port Road.

Location Left Turn Only from St Lythans Road onto Port Road,
Diversion Will be in a northerly direction, to the roundabout at Culverhouse Cross, then around the roundabout and back onto Port Road and continuing in a southerly direction along Port Road, then turning left into Brooklands Terrace or continuing along Port Road.

Location No Right Turn from Port Road into Brooklands Terrace,
Diversion Will be in a northerly direction, to the roundabout at Culverhouse Cross, then around the roundabout and back onto Port Road and continuing in a southerly direction along Port Road, then turning left into Brooklands Terrace.

Location No Right Turn from Port Road into St Lythans Road,
Diversion Will be in a southerly direction, to the roundabout at Quarry Road, then around the roundabout and back onto Port Road and continuing in a northerly direction along Port Road, and turning left into Port Road.

Reason To allow essential Highway improvements to be undertaken, together with associated works.

Duration From 06:00Hrs on Monday 5th September 2016, for a maximum period of 18 months, or until such time as the No Right Turn / Left Turn Only Traffic Signs are removed, whichever is the sooner.

CHRISTMAS EMBARGO

None of the above restrictions shall be in place from Monday 5th December 2016, Until Thursday 6th January 2017

Dated this 1st day of September 2016

M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



SCOUTS GET BACK TO BADEN-POWELL BASICS AT THEIR JOINT SUMMER CAMP 'SPY SCHOOL'



CUBS and Scouts from 6th and 11th Barry Sea Scout Groups had a joint summer camp last week at Collard Bridge Scout Site, near Barnstaple.

The camp, which had been a year in planning, was the second time the two groups have shared a weeklong camp, a *spokesperson reports*.

The theme for this year's camp was 'Spy School' with the Cubs and Scouts (or 'agents' as they became known) being set various challenges and tasks to be completed throughout the week.

The first full day was nice and sunny, with the girls and boys undertaking various tasks, such as putting up a flag pole, constructing a camp gate and more.

Unfortunately, the good weather did not persist – it started raining that night and kept it up for the next couple of days.

The first 'spy' task on the second day was a three-hour hike through woodlands for the Cubs, which saw those from both groups climbing over and under various trees, logs and obstacles.

The Scouts, back on the site, did pioneering and built a bridge as well as backwoods cooking, lighting their own fires and cooking on them.

On arriving back from the hike, some of leaders joked about having an inflatable 'hot tub' in their tent. Their words soon came back to haunt them when a little while later they found that their tent, the oldest one they had on site, did indeed have an indoor pool, just not one they planned on. They evacuated their tent and moved in with other Leaders.

The rain continued, getting heavier, with the ground getting more waterlogged by the hour. The Cubs took shelter under the canopy of the onsite explorer hut and took their turn to make tent pegs using knives and pieces of wood.

Later, with heavier rain, the decision was made to evacuate the camp pitch, which was now in places under eight inches of water.

Some tents were floating rather than sitting on the ground. Other groups on site made similar decisions.

What followed was an hour of organised mayhem as everyone had to pack up and move to the explorer hut. While this was obviously unsettling for some of the girls and boys not one moaned or complained.

They slept in the hut while the adults managed to get a few hours sleep under the hut's canopy, on a concrete floor and open to the bad weather.

Joe Thompson, a sectional assistant with 11th Barry said: "It was my first week camp with the group. It does seem a little unfair that I had to move not once but twice on the same day and my kit being soaked."

"That said, I thoroughly enjoyed myself, particularly sleeping rough under the canopy with all the other Leaders."

The rain continued the next day which meant that some activities had to be cancelled. One such activity was the climbing wall, so the Cubs and Scouts travelled to the cinema in Exeter to watch *Finding Dory*.

The highlight of the camp was the day trip to the Big Sheep near Barnstaple. The Cubs and Scouts descended on the park, where they spent the day enjoying all the various rides, particularly the new rollercoaster.

On several occasions, all the Leaders, Cubs and Scouts filled the rollercoaster to have a group ride on it.

Later during the week, the weather improved and the Cubs and Scouts could enjoy the assault course, crate stacking, tunnels, low ropes and a zip line.

Saffron, a Cub, said: "What a fantastic week, I really enjoyed myself."

Phillip Williams, the Scout Section Leader for 6th Barry, said: "Great camping experience, which tested many different skills of all leaders as well as the Cubs and Scouts."

"My situation report is: Day one: agents (the Cubs and Scouts) reconnoitred the unknown territory."

"Day two: agents do the 'fitness test of doom'."

"Day three: agents' emergency evacuation plan is tested, reserve camp is now operational."

"Day four: agents surveil a secret local cinema."

"Day five: agents test new modes of transport at the Big Sheep, in particular the super-secret rollercoaster."

"Day six: spy training continues with a wet and wild day."

"Day seven: agents promoted and have completed spy school."

"It was a pleasure to work with the 11th Barry again and we both continue to work to develop the youth of Barry. Role on the next joint camp."

If you are interested in volunteering in Scouting with 6th or 11th Barry, please email gs1@11thbarryscouts.org.uk for more details.



History beneath our feet

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And then there is river walking. Medieval mills were often burnt down and subsequently abandoned in local uprising (bakers not being too popular at the time), but careful observation can reveal the mill race – the water course that supplied the driving force for the machinery.

In the case of such a mill in Porthkerry Park some years ago, an archaeological dig revealed the mill and a layer of black debris that the

suggested that the building had been burnt down.

Some 'lost' windmills turn up as their circular foundations are discovered, such as those to be found at Marcross and Cog Road, Sully.

And then, there is a small matter of what went on in the caves around our coast, but that, as they say, is another story! Very many thanks to the assistance provided by the staff of Penarth Library in the presentation of this series.



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Family Notices

GUMBLEY

Dr Marjorie Joyce (née Adams)

Peacefully, at Llandough Hospital on Saturday August 20, aged 91 years. Recently residing at Springbank Care Home, formerly of Howard Court, Barry. Wife of the late Denys, mother of Peter and Janet, mother-in-law of Tim and grandmother of Ian and David.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors until the funeral service on Tuesday September 6 at 12pm at St Helen's RC Church, Barry, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 1pm. No black attire. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, may be sent to any animal charity of your choosing.

Grateful thanks for the loving care by staff at Springbank Care Home and Llandough Hospital West 1.

Acknowledgement

BRUCE Allan

The family wishes to thank everyone who attended Allan's funeral and for all the kind messages.

Thanks to Sgt Lisa Millar and the RAF for making it a day he would have been very proud of and Andrew Thomas (Thomas Bros. Funeral Directors) and Rev Heather Weddell. Special thanks to Drs McGovern and Coleman, all the District Nurses and everyone at the Llantrisant Dialysis Unit for all the care given to Allan, and all at Sylvia Williams. Your compassion and kindness helped us through a very difficult time.

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Notice of Application for a Premises Licence
NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT an application has been made to Bridgend County Borough Council (the Licensing Authority) for a PREMISES LICENCE to permit licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on, on or from the premises shown below.

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Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below: Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB

NAME OF APPLICANT: **MOHAMMED BADRUL ISLAM**
NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF THE PREMISES: **118 COMMERCIAL STREET, MAESTEG, CF34 9DL**

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DATE BY WHICH REPRESENTATIONS MUST BE MADE: **23 September 2016.**

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Barry basks; Cannes canned!

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THEY came from near and far, the young, the older and the young-at-heart, the bodies beautiful and those simply comfortable in their own skin. They came to soak up the sun, to take in the views across Whitmore Bay and to make the most of the summer before the Bank Holiday. Impromptu games of football with jumpers for goalposts or just sitting back chillaxing, it was time to be with friends and family and enjoy an ice cream or two, and all without leaving the country.



Wales legend Lee puts rugby youngsters through their paces



HUNDREDS of children and young people from across south Wales enjoyed a feast of rugby at a unique camp with former Wales and British Lions' legend, Lee Byrne.

The three-day event, in partnership with Vale Sports Arena, PG10 Coaching and Adventure Camp Wales took place at the Vale Sports Arena in Penarth.

The event offered each child aged between six-16-years-old opportunities to be coached by Wales legend Lee Byrne and other top coaches. Children also had the unique experience of being

coached by a host of Wales legends and Team GB rugby sevens stars.

Wales' record try scorer and former IRB world player of the year Shane Williams MBE took the children through there paces with technical sessions and inspired them with a Q&A session talking about his career.

Former Welsh international Ian Gough also attended the camp taking the children through different skills and techniques. The 64 capped international delivered sessions on forward play and tackling to aid children of all ages development.

Fresh from the Olympic Games in

Rio, GB star Jasmine Joyce also attended the camp inspiring the children and young people and taking part in a host of sessions showing the children different techniques and top tips on how to get to the top of the game.

The next Lee Byrne rugby camp is during October half-term on October 24 with the Lee Byrne Wales legends camp on October 25.

To secure your booking, email byrney15rugby@hotmail.com (there are limited spaces on the course and bookings must be done before the event).

PG

Barry Athletic see promotion hopes dashed

ON Saturday Barry Athletic first XI travelled to Malpas to take on the top side, still with a chance of promotion.

They won the toss and asked their hosts to bat first on a humid cloudy afternoon and soon had Malpas 41 for 3 after 22 overs as Hellyar, Griffith and Baker removed Ward, Baker and Griffiths respectively.

This brought Lewis Morgan to the wicket and added 93 with Ross Ward before Ward was LBW to Simon Phillips for 26. Mason then joined Morgan and added 68 before Morgan was out bowled Ferriday for 103. Malpas then lost their last five wickets for 34 runs as Paul Murphy picked up 3 for 63; the main bowlers were Griffith (1 for 21 in his 10 overs) and Hellyar (1 for 17 in his 10 overs) as Malpas were bowled out for 236.

In reply Barry got off to a bad start as they lost Murphy (5) and Jones (9) with just 26 on the board. White and Ashley Baker then added 48 before they suffered a collapse of mammoth proportions as their last seven wickets fell for 61 runs in 13 overs, with only Nathan Baker getting double figures as Barry were bowled out for 125.

Promotion is now no longer on the table, but they do still have the chance with two games to go that if they get two wins they will have beaten every side in the division.

Barry's second XI entertained Malpas second XI at the Island on Saturday, won the toss and asked their

opponents to bat first, and they racked up a score of 299 in their 45 overs with A.N Other (4 for 65) and Nicky Jones (3 for 33) being the main wicket takers with Simmonds (126) and Archer (97) being the main run scorers.

In reply Barry opened with Lee Morgan and Rhys Howell as they put on 95 for the first wicket in 31 overs before Howell was out for 22.

Morgan scored 75 and a fine 53 not out by Craig Brock saw Barry reach 200 for 3 and maximum batting points, thus keeping their Division 2 status for next season.

On Sunday Barry travelled the short distance to Dinas Powys to play a rearranged game.

Captain Ashley Baker won the toss and asked Dinas Powys to bat first, and they reached 171 all out from their 40 overs with Nicky Morgan (4 for 46) and Andy Ellis (2 for 34) being the main wicket takers.

In reply Barry were 150 for 9 in their 40 overs with a fine 43 not out from Simon Phillips, 28 from Reji and 14 from Ashley Baker, and another eight points gained.

This week Barry Athletic first XI travel the short distance to Cardiff to play Cardiff Gymkhana with the second XI entertaining the same opposition at home, and on Saturday, September 10, Barry Athletic first XI play their final league game when they entertain Brecon at Barry Island in a rearranged game.

MR

Millwood Bowls Club news

ON Wednesday evening this year's Munro Cup competition drew to a close as we welcomed our friends from Dinas Powys for the final fixture this season which had been rearranged from early season as the original fixture clashed with our visitors highly successful Welsh Open Bowls Week.

Both sides due to late withdrawals played man short. After five ends Millwood sneaked in to a narrow four shot lead, 18-14.

After 10 ends, on three of the four rinks, the visitors had turned the score in their favour, 29-22, however the night was going to turn out not to be his and his rinks, as after 10 ends they were struggling - 16-3 down and try as Hugh might the night was not going to get any better.

The other rinks remained evenly matched with each side winning two rinks at the end of the evening with Millwood running out overall winners, 77-46; despite the evening's tribulations players on both teams enjoyed themselves and look forward to next year's fixture.

On Saturday, both the club and A side were in action with the club side at home to Treharris in a Division 4 fixture. Unfortunately the visitors were hit by some late withdrawals, however they are to be sincerely thanked for

making the effort to honour the fixture.

The game got under way and after five ends the home side were trailing 10-23 and after a further five keenly contested ends the home side still trailed 27-35.

However, with the gap narrowing, the home side rolled up their proverbial sleeves and slowly but surely over the last few ends clawed the deficit back, and although both sides won on two rinks each, Millwood took the overall victory by 74-58, in the process taking 10 of the 14 points on offer.

Meanwhile, the A side were making the short journey to Rumney for a Division 7 fixture for what was the fourth fixture between the sides this summer.

After five ends Millwood found themselves trailing 17-13; digging themselves in for the long haul, at the end of 10 ends the gap had narrowed to 35-32 in favour of the home side.

Continuing with this magnificent effort, at the 15th end Millwood had turned the deficit totally around to lead by 59-49 and keeping this effort going ran out winners, 74-70.

With the season drawing to a close, the last week of the season is packed with fixtures and players who have been selected for the various games are asked to do their best to honour their commitments letting their respective captains know as soon as possible of any problems.

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10-mile run for charity

RUNNERS are being invited to take part in a 10-mile charity run at Merthyr Mawr sand dunes on Saturday, October 8 led by Steve Wall, a professional trainer, to raise funds for Guide Dogs Cymru.

A spokeswoman said: "It's a self-supported run in terms of nutrition and fluids, but there will be advice on hand from Steve. The event is a trail run, so appropriate clothing and footwear are advisable.

"No-one will be left behind using the tap back method. Front runners will tap back to the back,

so that everyone starts and finishes together."

Among them will be Lee Gibbons, who is running next year's London Marathon in aid of Guide Dogs Cymru: "My aunt and her friend are registered blind, so I grew up knowing the important job that guide dogs do. I have very fond memories of playing with the dogs and being fascinated by them when they worked," he said.

Runners are asked to meet in Merthyr Mawr sand dunes car park at 6am with a suggested donation of £10, or pledge via www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Lee-Gibbons2.

Wales RL under-16s dominate Ireland

WALES under-16s ended their busy programme by beating Ireland 56-0 in Ashbourne with a dominant display of rugby league.

Ireland, who were playing their first ever international match at this level, held Wales for the first ten minutes, with both sides having strong defences cancelling out any early tries.

Then Wales broke the deadlock as full back Karlín Claridge scored out wide, the try was unconverted. Within minutes, hooker Ben Lloyd-Hunter sniped under the sticks to double the scores.

After another attack Lloyd-Hunter again found himself in another position to power over from short range, the kick this time was converted by Taylor Phillips to make the

score 14-0.

Good pressure from the Welsh attack pinned the Irish in their own 20 resulting in two quick fire tries, one from Lewis Hall which Phillips converted and Taine Hendy going over on the opposite side from a great kick chase.

From another excellent kick return, the Welsh side found an edge with North Wales winger Morgan Johnson going over in the corner. The kick was unconverted leaving the half-time score at Ireland 0, Wales 28.

The second half started as of the first with a stalemate in the first ten minutes, but the deadlock was broken when powerhouse prop Ellis Brown went in under the sticks, Phillips adding the two.

This spurred Wales on to take advantage of the tiring Irish defence with captain James Bartlett scoring under the posts, Phillips

converting again.

A great move down the right flank allowed centre Lewis Hall to go in for his second of the game, and shortly after his Warrington team mate James Machin added a further four points and Hall converting.

With 10 minutes remaining Claridge received his own kick chase to dive over for the final try of the game, Morgan Johnson adding the conversion.

Wales Rugby League's performance manager Jon Ellis said: "The staff have pulled together a fantastic programme this year at short notice, Wayne Ponting and Andrew Thorne have worked well in gelling the team together and getting the best from the players, and manager Peter Tiffin has done an exceptional job in coordinating the fixtures and working closely with an array of rugby league sides. It's been a rewarding programme for both players and staff."

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Darts season about to begin!

THE 2016-2017 season of the Cowbridge Darts League is about to begin.

This year we have 10 teams competing, hosted by seven pubs.

The venues are: Edmondes Arms, Cowbridge; Farmers Arms, Aberthir; Llanharry Working Men's Club, Llanharry; Highwayman Inn, Nurston; Six Bells Inn, Penmark and new hosts this season the Red Lion, Bonvilston (hosting the team that last season played from the Old Post) and the Victoria Inn, Sigingstone (hosting a team new to the Cowbridge Darts League).

The opening league matches will be played on Tuesday, September 6.

Last season's champions, the

Edmondes B, have a tough opening fixture as they host last year's runners-up, the Highwayman Inn. The new team this season The Victoria Inn have a challenging opening match hosting the Edmondes A.

The Farmers Arms hosts Llanharry, the Red Lion hosts the Edmondes C, and to complete the full fixture list the Six Bells Inn hosts the Farmers B.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are always welcome.

For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

Tennis coaching for local juniors

A new six week coaching course for juniors will be held at Barry Athletic Tennis Club, starting on Sunday, September 4.

Ages four-eight at 10am -10.55am, ages eight-12 at 11am-11.55am, and over-12s at 12 noon-12.55pm; the course will be delivered by coaches from Tennis Squad.

AH

Bridge results

RESULTS from the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for the last two weeks:

August 22: 1st Alan Lewis & Terry Evans 63.19%, 2nd Mary Lougher & Joan Bird 63.10%, 3rd Liam Sheridan & Glenda Roberts 62.50%.

August 29: 1st Barrie Waite & Graham Norris 63.35%, 2nd Dave & Debbie Lea 62.78%, 3rd Simon & Debbie Richards 59.66%.

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No rest for the Rhoose Lifeguards!



AUGUST has been a busy month for the teams from Rhoose Lifeguards.

Over the last few weeks all of the age groups have competed at the SLSGB Championships as well as a number of the team representing Wales at the England vs Wales Surf Lifesaving International event.

Starting off with events on August 6 and lasting two days, a small team of Masters began their campaign at the National Masters Championships at Exmouth beach.

With great weather throughout the team kept up the momentum during the events with Dominic coming away with a 'British Champion' gold medal in the beach flags event and Sarah gaining a bronze in the surf ski race and silver in 1km race.

With a small team the Masters finished their competition in 18th place.

A few days after, the Youth Championships kicked off again at Exmouth. Keen to build on their successes from the Welsh Championships just over a week before the youth team, managed by Steve and Sarah, put in some impressive displays with Kelsea and Millie winning 'British

Champion' gold medals in their individual events.

A number of silver and bronze medals were also won by Alex, Kelsea, Ellie and Morgan in their individual events as well as medals being awarded in the pair and team events.

The team finished in a very respectable seventh place out of the 28th teams taking part.

Lastly the Nippers team brought a week of competing to a close with their Championships taking place on August 12/13.

With a team of 19 competitors led by Liz, aided by her team of coaches, the Nippers again showed great skill and energy throughout the two days, enjoying lots of sunshine also. 'British Champion' gold medals were awarded to Ava, Evie (Wong), Evie (Watkins) and Connie. Silver and bronze medals were awarded to Ava and Aled for their individual events.

The Nippers team finished in 13th place out of the 32 teams taking part.

Not long after the GB Championships Rhoose members Kelsea, Karen, Alex, Jack, Ellie, Millie, Brooke, Jason and Declan were back on their travels this time to Portreath representing Wales at the England vs Wales

Surf Lifesaving International event.

With a high standard of competition throughout the day the Rhoose team members performed excellently gaining valuable points for the Wales team.

Following the England vs Wales event a number of the group stayed in Portreath to compete for Rhoose Lifeguards again, this time at the SLSGB Open Championships.

With storm conditions and very large waves forecast, the competition proved a huge challenge for the competitors. Those competing in the sea events; board, swim or surf ski were met with very challenging conditions but the Rhoose team showed great spirit (and bravery!) to take on the surf.

Well done to Kelsea, Ellie and Karen for winning gold in the surf ski relay.

The Open team finished the competition in 10th place overall.

Many congratulations to all those who have competed for the club and for Wales and, as always, thanks to everyone for their time and effort in attending these events.

JF



New Tae Kwon Do club is opened by champion Lee!



Popular ladies open attracts large entries



Wenvoe Castle Golf Club captain Paul Coombs (left) with winners Rob and Lynda Campbell.

AFTER almost torrential conditions the previous weekend, the sunshine returned in time for what was a very busy programme of competitions over the Bank Holiday weekend.

On Friday, the popular Ladies Open attracted a large number of entries. The team format played is always enjoyable allowing, for the individual player to overcome the occasional wayward shot or missed putt.

As usual the benefit of home advantage is recognised with special prizes for visiting teams.

The course was in fine condition, which reflected the excellent scores and the winning visiting team were Brenda Tomcyck (Radyr), Carolyn McKenzie (MoD St Athan) and Cheryl Henderson with 74 points.

The runners-up – and just missing out on countback – were Lynda McCarthy (Kenilworth), Pam Williams (Royal Porthcawl) and Sheila Morrow, also with 65 points.

The same score was posted by prize winners for Wenvoe Castle members Pat Jarvis, Delyth Thomas and Nicola Sims. Runners up were Helen Hughes, Barbara Beedham and Nicola Sims with 65 points.

Special prizes for nearest the pin were won by Carolyn McKenzie

(MoD St Athan) at 16 feet 10 inches, on the second green and Sarah Chapman (Radyr), 14 feet 10 inches, on the 15th green. Despite the high number of entries, there were just one two recorded, and Lynda McCarthy topped up her team prizes with four dozen golf balls.

On Saturday, there were more than 100 entries for the traditional 'Dai David Putter'.

Billy Harrington, playing off 9 handicap, won by a considerable margin with an exceptional gross score 74 (net 65). Dennis Warren just held off Del Lewis, both of whom recorded low scores of net 68.

Bank Holiday Monday was the scene of the one of the highest entries for a mixed competition for several years. They were rewarded with very sunny conditions and a course in magnificent condition.

The first three places all recorded the same score of 39 points and countback worked overtime. Coming out on top, and winners of the Morgan Williams Bowl, were Rob and Lynda Campbell, who were just ahead of Brian and Judy Green with Jeff and Lynda Hudd in third place.

Once again, two were hard to come by with just one recorded by Joff Williams and Barbara Beedham.

Club captain Paul Coombs thanked all those who entered, creating a great atmosphere for a presentation on the panoramic patio on a warm summer's evening.

Special mention was made of the work of the green staff, using the new course machinery, presenting the course in such a fine condition over a sustained busy period.

BARRIE JONES

CHIEF instructor Jaime Halford, 4th degree black belt, fellow instructor Bradley Halford, 3rd degree, Matthew Bennett and Keita Enfield, 2nd degree, are proud to report the grand opening of the Rising Dragon club, which took place in July.

Firstly the instructors would like to take this opportunity to thank Joanne and Paul Halford and Melony Bennett for their help and hard work to help open the club.

Also a special thanks to the club sponsor Lee Cunningham from LNC Floor Coverings Ltd and Stuart James of Studio

14 for the logo design, Anthea and Rob King for a donation and last but not least the parents and children for their dedication and helping get the club off the ground.

Also a special mention for Lee Selby, IBF featherweight champion, who took the time to officially open the club.

Current students range from four years old to the older generation and sessions are run at Victoria Park Community Centre at the rear of Cadoxton School.

For further details, contact Joanne on 07921 915559 or email risingdragonstkd@outlook.com. AC



Clive finishes top of the pile at Cradoc Golf Club

CRADOC Golf Course situated north of Brecon and just a few miles from the birthplace of Geraint Davies, president and captain of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society, proved a welcoming venue last Thursday for the society's monthly meeting.

With the golf course noted for its natural surroundings, abundance of wildlife and mature tree lined fairways plus the occasional water hazard golfers of all abilities are offered a challenging yet entertaining test of golf.

Generously sponsored by Llantwit Major estate agents Anthony Brown & Co, 34 competitors set off on what is a beautiful course set in stunning countryside all hoping to win the Anthony Brown Cup.

At the end of an afternoon's wonderful entertainment just one point separated the top four competitors.

Llantwit Major farmer

Clive Thomas, having gone over 12 months without a visit to the winners' enclosure and who recently took a life changing decision to get back to winning ways certainly reaped the benefit of abandoning his calorie controlled diet to finish top of the leaderboard with 35 stableford points.

Glyn Watts-Jones also with 35 points but an inferior back nine finished runner-up. Tim Jarvis with 34 points finished in third place just ahead of Godfrey Lewis who also had 34 points.

The sponsor of the day, Mr Anthony Brown, won the visitors section with a very impressive 38 points followed by David Sloan with 35 points.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were Godfrey Lewis, Geraint Davies and Lynn Thomas with sponsors representative Ian Morris hitting the longest drive down the selected 18th fairway to collect the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge long drive prize.

Julian Golunski correctly guessed 25



balls would remain in the neighbouring county to collect the 'Premier Turf' sponsored bottle of whisky which raised £66 for the Llantwit Major Lifeguards.

Members are now looking forward to their annual three day competition played over 54 holes competing for the David Evans [Agriculture] Ltd trophy which this year will be held at Westward Ho and Saunton Sands in north Devon.

This will be followed with a visit to the Rhondda Golf club on September 29 when

members will compete for the Arthur John & Co Cup kindly sponsored by popular member Mr Dai John.

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Winning golfers Glyn Watts-Jones, Tim Jarvis, sponsor Anthony Brown, Clive Thomas and Godfrey Lewis.

Barrivale Bridge Club LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club Individual Tournament for August 23:

1st Mike Close 65.63%; 2nd Jane Brook 59.90%; 3rd Alan Jones 59.03%. Dave Reed won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively players, inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address. DR

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Anglers (ALL 91 OF THEM!) brave the elements at Llantwit Major Charity Open



Jade Owen.

SUNDAY, August 21 saw the return of the fourth annual Llantwit Major Charity Fishing Open, raising much-needed funds for Wales Air Ambulance and Jade Owen of Bridgend.

Wales Air Ambulance needs no explanation for the wonderful job it does. Jade's wish is to walk – she was born with diplegic cerebral palsy and she is confined to a wheelchair, suffering chronic daily pain and needs help with simple tasks like washing and eating.

She needs complex surgery that the NHS can't provide, so is raising funds to go to St Louis Children's Hospital in Missouri. She has just returned from one operation, but will have to endure more.

The 91 anglers, including four

juniors, turned out in terrible conditions and battled the wind and rain to raise £1,620 from entry fees and a raffle.

The junior winner was Shauna Machon from Neath who caught a bass weighing 0.8 kilos and won a selection of fishing tackle, including a rod and reel.

First was builder Joe Arch, from Cardiff, with 7.38 kilos consisting of a smooth hound, bass and spotted ray. He was fishing at Stout Point.

Second was Chris Equall, from Cardiff, with 6.77 kilos consisting of two congers, a smooth hound, dogfish and rockling. He was fishing to the right of Stout Point.

Third was Roy Tapper from Marshfield, with 6.26 kilos consisting of three bass; Roy was fishing at Boverton.

Fourth was veteran angler Don Cook from Barry, with 4.68 kilos consisting of a bass and a conger.

Huge thanks go to everyone

who supported the event (too many to mention!), but especially to our main sponsors, Maria Hughes of Llantwit Beach Cafe, for donating the first prize of £300; Mark and Kelly Quarini of Q-Fished Llandow, for donating £200 as a second prize; Dave and Simon of First For Fishing in Taff's Well, for donating the third prize of £100; Chris Davies Estate & Letting Agents for donating the fourth prize of £50; and Brian Davies of Country Stores, Gowerton for donating the junior prizes.

The prize table and raffle prizes were all donated by local businesses, anglers and friends and families. Thanks, of course also to the main organiser, Mr Mark Cowell, who always gets forgotten!

The event will return again next year, when, hopefully the weather will be better!

SALLY OWEN



Joe Arch, the winner.



Roy Tapper, third prize winner.



Chris Equall, with Mark.



Don Cook receives his prize.

Lightning strikes at chess club

THE final event in the Barry Chess Club summer programme took place with a lightning tournament.

Because of holidays, there were only eight participants including Jake Hurley, an interloper from the Cardiff Chess Club.

A good tournament took place with the help of Rhys Steele who wrote a computer programme to produce a buzz when the players must make a move. Failure to make a move at the right time and your game is forfeit.

There were seven rounds of play so everyone played each other. As expected from the ratings of the players involved Rhys won all seven of his games to win the tournament.

Jake Hurley took second place on five points with a resurgent Dave Mahoney and Sam Jukes just a half point

behind. On this occasion everyone recorded at least one victory and there was only one drawn match between Sam and Dave – had Dave managed to win that match second place would have been his.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit <http://barrychessclub.yol.astie.com>.

PHIL JONES

VALE OF GLAMORGAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE NEWS ROUND-UP

Another weekend of pulsating action in the Vale of Glamorgan Football League saw Vale United remain the only Premier Division team with a 100 per cent record as they defeated last seasons runners up St Athan 4-2.

Cowbridge Town bounced back from an opening day defeat with a 4-1 win over Masons Moving Group. Barry Athletic signalled their intent with 4-2 home win over Dinas Powys Athletic.

Penarth Town got their season up and running with an impressive 3-1 victory over Rhose and Island Marine and Tynewydd played out a rare 0-0 draw.

In the First Division it was goals aplenty between Barry Athletic B and Cadoxton Athletic as the former won an incredible 9-4 in their first fixture following promotion.

Barry Belgrade made it two out of two with a 6-2 romp against Cadoxton Barry, while Cardiff Airport also ran in six in a 6-1 win against Glenbrook. SP Billy continued their good start as they edged out FC

Pumas 3-2.

Meanwhile in Division Two, Barry Saints and Cadoxton Imps continue to be the pace setters as both made it three out of three. Cadoxton Imps winning 5-1 against FC Pumas B while Barry Saints brought BVFC's good start to the season to a screeching halt dismantling them 8-1.

Barry Albion bounced back from a mid week defeat to be victorious over Penarth Town B 4-2. While St Athan B are still looking for their first points after a 3-0 home defeat to Island Marine B.

This week sees a second division midweek schedule on Wednesday with BVFC vs Cadoxton Imps standing out. The weekend sees another round of league action, with Tynewydd hosting Vale United in an intriguing game in the Premier Division and St Athan playing Cowbridge Town in another west Vale derby.

In the First Division, the stand-out game has to be Barry Belgrade vs SP Billy and in the Second Division Barry Albion vs Barry Saints could well be game of the day.

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Low-scoring defeat for Sully CC firsts, as seconds pick up 'remarkable' win!

SULLY Centurions entertained Cardiff Gymkhana on Saturday and narrowly lost a low scoring encounter by one wicket.

Sully batted first and skipper Santosh Singh led from the front with a well-made 50 which included nine boundaries and at 91 for 2, Centurions were looking good for a decent score.

However, the introduction of spinner Ashish Patel turned the game on its head, as he took five wickets for just 15 runs, leaving Centurions all out for just 111.

But when Gymkhana batted they soon came unstuck as Bharat claimed four wickets for 38 and Santosh followed his batting display with bowling figures of 1 for 26, including 5 maidens, in his 10 overs.

The visitors were reduced to 76 for 7, but a ninth-wicket partnership of 35 saw them home by one wicket.

Sully Centurions 111 all out, Cardiff

Gymkhana 112-9.

The second XI travelled to Llandaff Fields for the reverse fixture against Gymkhana 2nd XI, who are top of the league, and came away with a remarkable four wicket victory.

The home side batted first and were soon in trouble – losing two wickets for just 19. But a couple of half-century stands helped the hosts to a total of 189 all out. Grover (49) and Hameed (51) top scored for Gymkhana.

A few dropped catches didn't help the Sully cause, but once again Gethin and Jason Hicks bagged a couple of wickets each, giving Centurions a fighting chance.

After tea Russell Thomas and Luke Burnett shared a half century partnership before both fell victim to Grover. But Ricky Griffith and Ben Spear put on 61 for the third wicket, to keep Centurions in the hunt.

Then youngsters Aron Arthur and Gethin Hicks both found gaps in the field – putting on another 45 and keeping up with the required run rate.

It was down to Herbie Miller and Jason Hicks to see Sully home in the last over, Herbie hitting the winning runs with five balls left.

Cardiff Gymkhana II 189 all out, Sully Centurions II 190-6.

MF

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LC

A serious injury mars Barry RFC's final pre-season friendly

BARRY travelled to Lydney last Saturday in their final pre-season friendly before the league season kicks off with a visit to local rivals Dinas Powys on the Common, kick off 2.30pm.

As is usual in these games the match rustiness is obvious and it took some time for Barry to settle down against a well-organised side that presented problems from the kick off.

Unfortunately, the game was brought to an abrupt end in the second half following a serious injury to Barry's Mark Devine which required the services of an air ambulance before transferring to Bristol Hospital.

We are happy to report that whilst Mark has

suffered severe injuries to his leg, he remains upbeat with the message that he will be back by Christmas.

The club also wish to record their thanks to Barry physio, Frank Greig, and also his Lydney counterpart for their professionalism during the long wait for help to arrive.

It was Lydney who applied the early pressure when they scored a try within a few minutes of the kick off from a miss throw at a lineout that split the Barry defence to give them the lead.

Barry came back into the game from the restart and a drive which saw them into the visitors' 22 ended with an unfortunate knock on.

With both sides finding their feet the game ebbed and flowed from end to end and secure defence from both sides, together with some unforced errors, saw

chances few and far between.

Barry continued to probe and a fine break from Perry looked likely to end in a score but the move was halted short of the line.

As half-time approached, Lydney began to exert some forward pressure and only stalwart defence saved Barry as they faced three scrums within yards of their line, only to concede at the fourth occasion as the home side took a 12-point lead.

Once again Barry came back and scored a good try. A forward drive from the home side broke down, and the ball found Scott, who cleverly kicked into space. With the defence unable to control the ball, Knapman showed electric pace to outstrip everyone to score.

With Scott making the conversion, Barry were in the game at half-time.

The second half saw both sides ring the changes to give all players some game time, but it was Lydney who settled in quicker, threatening Barry with a series of attacks from forwards and backs which, to their credit, they defended well.

Barry were wasting decent ball on occasion and were guilty of incurring the wrath of the referee with a succession of penalties as the half progressed and neither side looked likely to score.

The stalemate was broken by a well-worked try for Lydney as they cut inside the Barry defence from a fine angled pass to create the space to score.

Lydney had their tales up at this stage and as confidence grew they continued to have the

better of the play, although on occasion Barry counter attacked to some effect but couldn't get the break they needed.

One further try was scored by the home side before the unfortunate injury caused the game to be abandoned.

I'm sure the coaching team would have found this game useful and the players too as things get real from next weekend.

All members of the club wish Mark a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him back at the Club in the near future.

Last week's lottery numbers were 04, 10, 20 and 22, which failed to produce a winner; this week's jackpot will be £2,480.

AJ

CADOXTON BOWLS CLUB ROUND-UP

A rearranged Munro Cup match was played on the all-weather green at Cowbridge.

An overcast night meant that the number of ends was reduced to 15. Even so, the last rink finished in the gathering gloom.

John Jones met opposing skip Norman Wilkinson and was drawing on the penultimate end, but unfortunately a single for the home side was scored with a fortunate wick with the last bowl, to take the honours.

Ivor Robertson's rink were level with three remaining ends against skip C Pritchard, however a '4' on the next put Cowbridge in front which they managed to hold until the end.

Don Kuhnell's rink had the ascendancy for most of the game against Alan Wallace's rink, but after scoring a '4' on the 10th end, they reached the dreaded score of 13. Twelve shots were conceded including a '7', during the following three ends to take away any chance of a win, despite winning the last two ends.

Derek Jeffries had skip Dennis Snelling in opposition and for a large part the match was closely contested, however two '5's made the difference to the final score.

Scores: A Field, L Adams, D Hammond, I Robertson 13-16 M Daley, L Taylor, R Lewis, C Pritchard; S Conway, R Morris, G Davies, D Jeffries 7-20 R Frayling, P Woosnam, B Kent, D Snelling; E Heppenstall, J Pappoutsou, R Byrne, J Jones 11-12 S Dodsworth, B Hole, C Wilson, N Wilkinson; J Stacey, A Prince, D Fanning, D Kuhnell 15-24 T Dunsdown, G Lloyd, G Morton, A Wallace. Final score: 46-72.

CADOXTON V RHOOSE – CML 7
A re-arranged CML7 match was played at Victoria Park against Murch, who played with a player short on one rink.

This rink, skipped by B Frampton, played a Cadoxton rink skipped by Gordon Davies, and had a penalty due to their shortage. The outcome was a win for the home side.

Two further wins were provided by

rink skipped by Roy Harding and Howard Craven. Dave Fanning was narrowly defeated on the other rink skipped by Ian Robinson.

Scores: W Craven, A Field, I Robertson, H Craven 17-14 C Garland, J Harrison, R Huntley, J Allen; J Papoutsou, A Carpenter, D Jeffries, G Davies 15-5½ D Perkins, P Cross, B Frampton; E Heppenstall, S Conway, P Swannick, R Harding 15-7 G Salvidge, G Lowe, G Russell, T Phillips; J Stacey, R Morris, L Adams, D Fanning 10-14 M Warman, A Perry, J Fbye, I Robinson. Score: 57-40½.

CADOXTON V RHOOSE – CML 5
Cadoxton hosted a CML5 match against the current league leaders, Rhooose, which ended in a decisive victory for the home team.

This brings them back into contention of a slight chance of a promotion position, with two matches still to play.

Howard Craven's rink was the mainstay of the victory, with a crushing success. They restricted the opposition to just five singles whilst amassing 35 shots, 20 of which came in the last seven ends.

Roy Harding also had a significant win against Paul Williams's rink, as did Don Kuhnell against Les Parsons. Arthur Field made his first team debut on this rink, and performed commendably.

Rhooose did have a winning rink with the Lages brothers combining to succeed against John Jones, although John Papoutsou gave good support to the home side.

Scores: W Craven, G Davies, I Robertson, H Craven 35-5 M Banks, R Ball, L Willmot, T Martial; R Byrne, P Swannick, D Brook, R Harding 21-11 C Dance, D Shackell, H Jupp, P Williams; E Heppenstall, J Pappoutsou, D Jeffries, J Jones 10-23 C Ashdown, P Bourne, T Lages, G Lages; J Stacey, A Field, I Heppenstall, D Kuhnell 22-13 J Wood, R Boardman, M White, L Parsons. Final score: 88-52.

DK

Cadoxton and Cogan put on a show for the Ground Hoppers

EARLY indications were that Cadoxton Barry were about to run away with this match against Cogan Coronation, played on bank holiday Monday as part of the Ground Hoppers UK tour.

They raced into a four goal lead through Morgan, Weekley, Oaten and Dawson by the 33rd minute. However, within a minute Cogan started a fight back that, at one point, saw them pressing while within a single goal of equalizing.

However, stunning solo approach work from Morgan, rounded off with an even better finish from an acute angle, quashed any hopes Cogan might have had of completing what would

have been a famous turnaround.

Played on a very warm late afternoon, this match gave the many 'Ground Hoppers' in a 300-plus crowd a fabulous entertainment, bags of excitement and great memories to take back home to the many far-flung corners of the United Kingdom from which they came.

Thanks must go to both sets of players, a hard-working team of volunteers and, of course, the Ground Hoppers themselves, for making this an occasion to remember for Cadoxton Barry and Cogan Coronation.

Finally, a special thanks also goes to the Vale Council staff for all their support.

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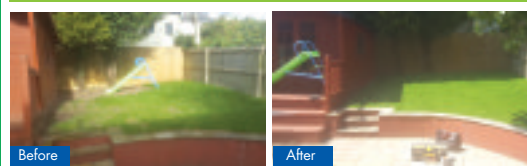
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